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Monologues stirs controversy

BY BRIGID DARRAGH
STAFF WRITER

Loyola is among 30 colleges across the nation that have been targeted by a conservative group for allowing Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* to be performed on campus. The planned performance, set for March 10-11, has also drawn reaction from students, parents and alumni who feel the show is indecent and inappropriate for a Catholic institution.

The Vagina Monologues focuses on the testimonies of women from diverse age and ethnic groups about their experience with sexual abuse, awareness and personal pleasure. Throughout the production, the women speak honestly and openly, often using explicit language, to discuss their sexual experiences.

The Cardinal Newman Society, a Virginia-based advocacy group that strongly opposes the production of *The Vagina Monologues* on the campuses of Catholic colleges, ran a full-page ad last Tuesday in *USA Today* with the headline "SCANDAL! Notre Dame, Georgetown, Boston College, Holy Cross, Loyola, DePaul, and 24 other Catholic colleges to 'host' X-rated play that glorifies child seduction and other horrors..." The advertisement encourages people to call the

college to stop "this assault on young people's minds and morals."

"Our position is that this play is offensive even to a non-Catholic school," said Newman Society President Patrick J. Reilly. "Its language is against Catholic morals for its vulgarity and portrayal of women."

Senior Colleen Rutledge decided to bring *Mono-logues* to campus, saying it will provide an educational and informative message.

"You can substitute the word vagina with women," Rutledge said. "It's about learning, it's about healing, it's about talking about the hush-hush things we don't talk about in society, and accepting people for who they are and who they are in society."

Among the topics broached in the performance is domestic abuse, but Reilly said the performance handles this and other topics in an undesirable manner.

"The whole connection of this play to the worthy goal of ending violence against women is a sham because of its portrayal of women as sexual objects," Reilly said.

Ensler, the play's creator, has responded to such criticism by saying that the actresses in her production are portraying the stories of other women she has interviewed, and that she is in no way advocating inappropriate sexual relations.

Loyola College President Rev. Harold Ridley, S.J. responded to calls to prohibit the production in a statement last week, saying that

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while he personally felt the show was inappropriate, he would allow it to proceed.

"I have watched a production of the play on video, and in my personal opinion, it is of very questionable taste. I also have spoken with women who are respected student leaders at Loyola and several senior

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AIM target of computer scam

BY GINNY GRAHAM
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A relatively new AOL Instant Messenger (AIM) program has popped up on student computers across campus, sending out IM's to people on the user's buddy list with a web site and downloads, then repeating the tactic again once installed again.

This program is not a virus but rather a marketing tool and is more annoying than dangerous for AIM users, according to David Opitz, business continuation security analyst for Loyola's technology services.

The programs require users to download an installer, which has an agreement that states that the user gives permission to the company to send an instant message to all the users on AIM buddy lists.

"I have heard about this, but we did not do anything about it because it wasn't affecting our network," Opitz said.

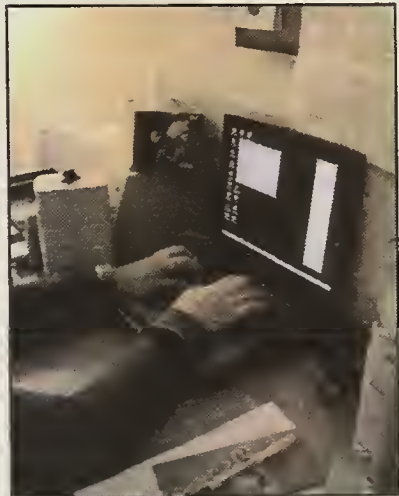
PSD Tools is a company that produces such software, and their program, called "BuddyLinks," which sells a permission-based program enabling people to share information with an entire buddy

list.

In addition, Opitz said that companies use Spyware or Adware, where they can track where users are surfing the web and send pop-up ads or programs such as BuddyLinks.

This particular advertising scheme has affected several students on campus, including senior Eleanor Owens, who received a message boxes stating that she could receive a free Internet news service and one offering a free music source.

"At first I thought that it was another virus," she said. "But I



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Students unwittingly send the program to friends through AIM.

never open those offers anyway."

Junior Jason Gorsuch downloaded the program, which then sent IM's to people he hadn't talked to in "five years." Gorsuch had to download a new version of the AIM program to sign online and said he is frequently kicked off or unable to get on.

"It's been a really frustrating process," he said.

Opitz said the companies have been successful because people like Owens can receive these messages more than once.

"It's advertising, and if they can get people to download it, it will keep replicating," he said.

Other companies trick users into opening or downloading programs by advertising using phrases like, "check this out," or "this isn't a virus."

Opitz said that users should not worry about messages like these because it is a two-step process that requires opening the link and downloading the program.

"There is danger in downloading things you don't know," he said. "It comes from somebody you know, so it you may think it is okay."

Opitz said that if users have

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BY CHELSEA HADDAWAY
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After six months of planning, organizers of the sophomore initiative are preparing to unveil a new series of programs designed to help the sophomore class find their calling and adjust to their second year.

The sophomore initiative, now being called CrossRoads, was proposed in the 2002 Strategic Plan.

According to the plan, the goals for the sophomore initiative were, "enhancing the climate for learning, fostering positive communities, establishing continuity for the college experience, and improving the sophomore retention rate."

"It started out as a retention question, but quickly moved away from that," said Michele Murray, the director of leadership and new student programs. "We started to think of how we could marry the issues of sophomores with Ignatian ideals."

Now, the focus has moved to helping sophomores find a passion to pursue for the rest of the college career.

"Our hope is that students can have a more engaging four years if they figure out their path early," said Murray.

"These initiatives are major and take considerable time to organize," said Susan Donovan, vice president of Student Development.

The program is the product of two years of research and six months of planning, including focus groups of students to help get an idea of what is needed at this point in the college career. The program, which began receiving funding last fall, will likely take three to five years to fully unfold.

What research at Loyola and across the country has found is that sophomores often feel invisible because of the focus on entering freshmen, departing seniors, and juniors going abroad. They feel overwhelmed with the stress of a growing workload and choosing a major and are unsure about how to get involved and make new friends after the excitement of freshman year.

The CrossRoads program, named because of the many different directions open to sophomores, aims to help with these issues.

"We wanted to challenge students to think about what their calling is," said Celeste Young, the assistant director of leadership and new student programs. CrossRoads will challenge

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Kerry grabs endorsement from national labor unions

By JEFF ZELENY
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON -- Standing within sight of the White House, Sen. John Kerry collected organized labor's influential endorsement Thursday as AFL-CIO President John Sweeney declared: "The time has come to unite behind one man, one leader, one candidate."

The Massachusetts senator, still fighting to win the Democratic presidential nomination, beamed at his latest triumph and vowed to make the loss of American jobs a central issue in the campaign. Kerry ridiculed the administration's estimate that the economy would create 2.6 million jobs, a projection that even President Bush has stepped away from.

"Well, ladies and gentlemen," Kerry told an exuberant crowd of a few hundred union members in downtown Washington. "it just doesn't take a lot of fuzzy math to count to zero."

As Kerry looked toward a general election battle with Bush, Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina forged ahead with his attempt to slow Kerry's momentum before voters in 10 states weigh in March 2 in a Super Tuesday showdown that is likely to determine the Democratic nominee.

Both candidates use job losses and foreign trade as a leading argument as to why they hope voters will limit Bush to a single term in the Oval Office. Kerry said the endorsement by the federation of 64 unions, which represents 13 million U.S. workers, would bolster his chance to win the nomination and unseat the president.

"George Bush said that if our trading partners engage in unfair trading practices, they'll hear from us," Kerry said. "But the silence has been deafening."

By endorsing Kerry, the disparate factions of organized labor began an attempt to galvanize behind one Democratic candidate after a year of division. More than 20 international unions had supported Rep.



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Labor's endorsement may prove pivotal for Kerry in next Tuesday's primaries.

Richard Gephardt of Missouri and the largest unions, representing service workers and public employees, had endorsed former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean.

With both of those candidates out of the race, and with Kerry having won in 15 of the first 17 primaries and caucuses, the AFL-CIO executive board convened to vote on a Kerry endorsement. While no individual union leaders voted no, several abstained as they wait to see how the nomination fight is resolved.

Every four years, Democratic presidential candidates rely heavily on the support of organized labor. In the 2000 election, exit polls showed twice as many union members chose Al Gore over Bush.

Kerry, though, does not come to the table as a natural ally of organized labor. He voted in 1993 for the North American Free Trade Agreement, which is blamed for sending jobs overseas.

"Everywhere that I've been in this campaign I've seen the wreckage of the Bush economy," Kerry said, seeking to

prove his credentials with organized labor. "I met working men and women across our nation who are getting the short end of the stick every day."

Labor's endorsement could provide a critical boost to Kerry as he tries to secure the Democratic nomination in the next round of states, which include New York, California, Ohio and Georgia. The biggest advantage will come, though, if Kerry wins the nomination and can tap into the labor support.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan downplayed the endorsement, saying union leaders "have historically supported Democrats." The president, he said, would continue to seek the support of rank-and-file union members.

As Kerry tried to demonstrate his similarities with Edwards on future trade agreements, the North Carolina senator told voters Thursday that if he had been in the Senate he would have voted against

NAFTA. While holding onto the optimistic message that has framed his candidacy, Edwards gently contrasted his trade stance with Kerry's position and suggested that he could still win support of union members, despite the AFL-CIO endorsement for his rival.

"They're fighting for a lot of the same causes I am," Edwards said. "And I will continue to speak directly to union households and working people, and that's worked up until now."

In a speech at Columbia University in New York, Edwards said he believed trade was "a moral issue," which distinguished him from Kerry. The trade agreement that Kerry supported, he said, "cost us too many jobs and lowered our standards."

And Edwards again sought to remind voters that the Democratic nomination has not yet been settled. He, too, aimed his challenge at Bush and was critical of the president's economic policy that he said benefits "Wall Street not Main Street."

"New York is the financial capital of the world, and the decisions that get made on Wall Street as well as decisions that get made in Washington, D.C., are decisions that affect this entire country," Edwards said. "They have a real impact in places like here in New York City. Where once the only jobs that went overseas were in places like my hometown, now, today, the jobs leaving are in places like your hometown."

With the campaign for the nomination moving into New York, Edwards made special note of his Southern drawl.

"The folks who work for me here told me the people of New York were excited about having a new fresh face from the South here in New York City. But unfortunately they were talking about Alex Rodriguez not me," he said, referring to the recent trade of the Texas Rangers baseball star to the Yankees.

"Well, I'm no A-Rod," Edwards said, "but I proved in Wisconsin that I can close."

Maryland Day to honor bay

A week of celebration will culminate in the Maryland Day Convocation on March 19 as environmental activists, educators and artists will be honored with the Andrew White Medal.

The theme of Maryland Day this year is the **NEWSBRIEFS** Chesapeake Bay and its vital role in the state. Award winners who contributed in the restoration of the Bay include Rebecca Hanmer, director of the Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Program and David Harp, a photographer who documented the Bay with his work. The third medal winner, Francis Flanagan, who led restoration efforts, will deliver the convocation address at 3 p.m. in Alumni Memorial Chapel.

"Maryland Day is Loyola's celebration of our state's distinctive role in American history and culture, and the Chesapeake Bay is perhaps Maryland's most important natural resource," said College President Rev. Harold Ridley, S.J. in a press release last week.

Other events planned for the week include the Caulfield Lecture on March 16, which will be given by author Jeremy Rifkin, and a St. Patrick's Day Celebration of Food and Music on March 17.

Battle of the band contenders narrowed

With applications for Battle of the Bands due last Wednesday, hopefuls have been narrowed down to six bands

that will compete to be the opening act at Loyolapalooza.

"It's a lot of new people, so it should be pretty interesting," said Andy Kearny, director of social affairs for the SGA. Past winners, such as Bosses Brave, are also competing again.

Out of 13 bands that applied, six have been chosen to participate, with music tastes ranging from rock to "acoustic spiritual rap." Out of these six, three will be chosen to perform at the concert.

The competition will be held on April 2 in McGuire Hall and will be open to the entire college community. Proceeds will benefit a local charity that provides music education to underprivileged children.

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Friday, Feb. 13

A white male, 5'10", 220 lbs., with brown hair was reported to have been soliciting in Newman Towers. Campus police searched the area but could not find the suspect. They believe he was distributing flyers for a party at Johns Hopkins University.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

A student was walking down Charles Street when she noticed a white male, 5'10", approximately 40 years old with brown hair, pushing a bike and following her. He proceeded to ask her name, what school she attended, and what classes she took. The student felt very uncomfortable so went into the FAC and notified campus police. They were unable to find the suspect.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Two students in Campion were in their bedroom when they heard a girl knock on the front door and ask for someone. When the students came out of their bedroom, they saw a white female with black hair, between 18-22-years-old leaving their room. When the girls searched their room, they found the following items had been stolen: a Louis Vuitton bag, wallet, and purse; Social Security card, driver's license, gym card, Forever 21 gift card, debit card, silver ring, Britney Spears CD and a pair of tanning salon goggles.

Thursday, Feb. 19

A student was trying to climb over a picket fence near Homeland Street when a metal spike pierced his hand and went completely through two of his fingers. The bleeding was controlled and he was taken to the hospital by a friend.

Campus police were on patrol of Newman Towers when an R.A. informed them that she noticed writing and pictures on the walls of one of the other floors. Campus police found sexual content and obscene language on the walls and took pictures of the scene.

— compiled by Erin Kane

BY AMANDA LORDY AND JULIE GRATES
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To combat the increasing amount of debt, students are coming up with more creative and helpful ways of paying back their loans.



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"I continued on with school so I am actually deferring loans and accumulating more debt," said Amy Sweigart, a 2002 grad

"It's just so hard because so many college students graduate with credit card debt, such as myself, that they figure they'll pay

With young adults ages 18-25 as the fastest-growing demographic filing for bankruptcy, Loyola's Sigma Beta Gamma is sponsoring an event that will bring a panel of experts to McGuire Hall on March 11 to bring insight and analysis on this trend.

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Md. ignored in Super Tuesday primary hype

BY CHRISTINA SANTUCCI
NEWS EDITOR

One week from today -- Super Tuesday -- the Democratic presidential candidates will compete in a virtual two-man race for the party's nomination.

Along with Maryland, nine other states, including California and



New York which both have a large amount of delegates, will also hold their Democratic primaries, fragmenting campaign attention as over half of the votes needed to secure a nomination will be up for grabs. Of the 1,151 delegates voting on Tuesday, Maryland has only 69.

Though Sen. John Edwards made a short visit on Friday to Prince George's Community College in Largo, Md. on his five-state campaign trail, Sen. John



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SEN. JOHN KERRY

Kerry is not expected to visit the Old Line State. Edwards' appearance was actually the first stop by a major contender since Howard Dean's rally in Baltimore in November 2003, and he is expected to return on Feb. 29, according to a *Star* article.

The two other potential Democratic nominees have also made some efforts to secure votes in Maryland but not to the same degree as Edwards. Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich replaced his scheduled appearances in Maryland in November with phone calls, excusing himself on account of prolonged hours in Congress. The Rev. Al Sharpton has made several stops in Maryland and has several others planned, according to aides.

All nine of the original candidates were present at the Congressional Black Caucus last September at Morgan State University.

Instead of Maryland, Kerry has directed his Super Tuesday efforts so far in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont and home state Massachusetts. Kerry is now the front runner in Vermont as former Governor Howard Dean dropped out of the race on Wednesday, Feb. 18 after a third-place finish in Wisconsin. Edwards will not be listed on the Vermont ballot on March 2.

Dean's early surge in primary polls had been attributed in part to support from young voters, but 10 percent more 17- to 29-year-old voters chose Kerry over the more liberal Dean in Iowa last month.

As Maryland's primary is a closed election, Edwards loses potential votes from independents and Republicans, both of which he has secured in greater numbers than rival Kerry. In addition, state Democrats have favored liberals over moderates in the past, a tendency which political analysts attribute to the high concentration of African-American voters and federal employees in the state.

Kerry has been the national front runner since the Iowa caucus, winning 15 of the 17 state primaries, and has been listed as above Edwards in a February Gonzales poll while Dean was still running. Dean had been the forecasted winner of the state by polls as late as January.

In Maryland, where Democrats outnumber Republicans nine to one, both Edwards and Kerry would be expected to bring in more votes than President George Bush, but a CNN/Gallup/USA Today poll released on Wednesday, Feb. 18, also predicated that both held leads of at least 10 percent over Bush nationally.

While both candidates have opened campaign headquarters in Maryland -- Edwards' in Capitol



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SEN. JOHN EDWARDS

AIM scam hits LC

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downloaded these particular programs, there are ways to eliminate them.

"There are anti-virus tools called Spybot, search and destroy," he said.

The tools can be accessed at www.loyola.edu/security. There, users will find Spybot by clicking on "How do I remove."

"My computer doesn't work anymore," Owens said. "And because I have downloaded so many things, stuff I got from my friends too, I have to pay to get my computer fixed."

Opitz said the best way to prevent flooding is to ignore sites sent by others unless you know exactly how the program works.

Critics call shows immoral, shocking

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administrators who have seen a professional production of the play. They believe that the play is an effective vehicle for raising awareness of the societal problem of violence against women," Ridley said.

Ridley emphasized the importance of giving attention to the students' concerns that are a focus in this production and discussed it with student leaders earlier this year.

Megan Pomianek, a member of the Green and Grey Society, said the group discussed concerns about the show with Ridley and whether it should have been cancelled.

"That was not the case," she said.

"I believe their efforts are well intentioned and uphold the core values of the university. This play is not the vehicle I would have chosen, but it is a legitimate piece," Ridley said.

Dr. Margaret Musgrove, director of the Women's Center, is looking forward to seeing the production for the first time. Her office is one of the sponsors for the event.

"It's sometimes hard to get students to identify with women's issues, and we're often too far removed from the reality of women's positions in the world. So anything that helps raise the consciousness of women is helpful."

Rev. William Byron, S.J., interim president of Loyola University in New Orleans, who left the Evergreen campus last fall, firmly opposed the production of *The Vagina Monologues* on the college campus.

In a Feb. 11 forum, Byron declined the request of the college's Women's Issues Organization to offer the production to the student body because he felt it was "inappropriate" and was quoted by the university newspaper as saying that "adult students are not adult professionals, with the

education, training, experience and judgment of what's appropriate."

Jean Lombardi, director of Loyola's Health Center, said that although she has not seen the play and cannot comment specifically on the appropriate or inappropriate nature of the content, "the Health Center clearly supports programs that educate about violence against women."

The performance of *The Vagina Monologues* comes after the recent Evergreen Players' performance of *Cabaret* which also elicited complaints of impropriety.

This play, when performed in theaters across the country, has been described in reviews as "shocking," "bone-chilling" and "racy." Costuming and makeup were called "painstakingly haphazard" by one reviewer.

"I think it's actually a fairly conservative piece, the message having more to do with personal responsibility in the rise of Nazism than sexuality," said Charlie Mitchell, Fine Arts professor and faculty director of *Cabaret*.

While posters advertising the production portray actresses in skimpy and suggestive costumes, Mitchell said, "Quite honestly, you'd see more at the beach. The most explicit content is in the choreography, the dancing ... it's hard to portray a decadent world without decadence, but it's not the focus of the piece at all."

The proceeds from Loyola's production of *Vagina Monologues* will benefit the House of Ruth, a Baltimore shelter for abused women.

"The one redeeming aspect of this event is that the money is going to this cause, but there must be more effecting and more appropriate vehicles for raising money for this cause," said Reilly.

-- Staff writer Kate Denoyer contributed to this article.

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Kelly Crossett, SGA chief of staff, spoke at last week's Forum Friday on the topic of "Breaking out of the Bubble" as students reflected on ways to encourage involvement.

Global concerns spotlighted in forum

BY TIFFANY VALLO
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty discussed national and foreign affairs at this month's Forum Friday, expressing enthusiasm in mending the apparent disinterest in global concerns on campus.

"At the last Forum Friday, students expressed a concern about the lack of world focus and political apathy on campus," said Katie Vannucci, SGA director of Student Affairs.

This forum, the third this year, was entitled "Bringing the World to Loyola: What can we do to break the bubble?" and centered on the integration of intellectual discussion within the college community.

"It's really about providing a comfortable environment for students to talk in," said Miska Vince, a senior and Campus Ministry intern.

Hosted by Vannucci and Nell Mone, SGA director of community relations, the forum attracted about 25 students and was held in Hopkins Lounge.

In the first half, participants engaged in small group discussion, each with a specific topic varying from gay marriages to the war

on terror to the Middle East conflict. Students were instructed to note a comment or question pertaining to their topic on a small piece of paper, which were picked at random and addressed within the group. In the second half of the program, all participants spoke in a large forum about how to bring more discussions of this nature to campus.

"Today was a good starting point," said senior Mike Fitzgerald. "I think it got people to know. I think it's up to people now to start doing it in their own houses."

Attendees said they were eager to become more politically and socially aware and conceive ideas to spark interest in other students as well as initiate easier access to knowledge on international affairs.

While most undergraduates rely on classes for intellectual stimulation, some participants argued that learning needs to be carried outside the classroom. Attendees said they would take advantage of a current events seminar if offered, and one student suggested a course to be administered over Blackboard.

"There aren't any one-credit specialty courses at Loyola," said SGA President Frank Golom.

SGA prepares for elections

BY CHERILYN WINKLER
STAFF WRITER

After a turbulent year during which several members of the executive cabinet were removed or resigned, the SGA hopes to welcome new candidates during the March elections and strengthen the focus on community building and student involvement.

"Though the extra scrutiny at times has been unpleasant, it has kept people interested. In the end, we actually made out well because of it," said SGA President Frank Golom. "If you can provide quality programming and leadership while everyone is watching, despite the reasons for them doing so, you can turn any situation into a success."

"There is a long way to go, but hopefully next year's president and vice president will consider the cause of building a vibrant and inclusive campus community important," he said.

A lack of recent student participation has sparked a new process of nomination within the SGA.

A three part plan of action has been implemented that includes online nominations from faculty, administration and club presidents, a new efficient web site with nomination forms and updated

information on the elections and a renewed focus on poster and banner publicity.

Voting stations may also be employed outside of Boulder to increase accessibility for students and encourage the student body to take part in the election process.

This year, added attention has been directed at the SGA because of the removal of former president Michael Sellitto and sophomore president Andrew Grillo and the resignations of former vice president Joe Spause and diversity director Brian Marana.

As a result, remaining members have been forced to re-evaluate the time and effort that their position requires.

For the coming elections, SGA members hope that all of the student elections will be contested races and encourage any interest students to become involved.

"Work hard on issues you are passionate about and work to make your vision of Loyola become a reality. For me, getting involved in SGA was the best decision I ever made," said Katie Vannucci, director of SGA Student Affairs.

"My hope is that the SGA continues to progress and develop, both internally and externally. I can only wish that some of the administrative improvements we have made carry on and that our focus on building community carefully and intelligently continues," said Golom.

LC looks to help sophomores

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students to ask themselves three questions: what brings me joy, what are my gifts and who needs those gifts?

A sophomore initiative student leadership team has been assembled, with members from this year's sophomore and junior classes. These students help to plan and publicize events, as well as propose programming that they think may be helpful for future sophomores.

Some events are planned for later this spring to assist this year's sophomore class. In March, select sophomores will be invited to attend a program called Turning Point.

According to Young, the weekend will allow students to have discussions "in a smaller group with people they may not have met before."

If this program is successful, another will be held in the fall and give students a chance for reflection as they enter sophomore year.

The majors fair, held on Feb. 11, was also co-sponsored by the program and gave students a chance to explore possibilities for majors and minors.

A faculty seminar called the Odyssey Experience is currently underway, which helps faculty and administrators prepare to be mentors by reflecting on Homer's *The Odyssey* and exploring their own experiences with mentors.

"We're trying to put programs in place as quickly as possible, so that as many student as possible can benefit," said Murray.

"This being the first year [of the program], more current freshman will be affected than current sophomores," said Young.

Rising sophomores will first be able to participate in CrossRoads experiences this summer with an optional off-campus program in August.

This retreat-like experience, called RoadTrip, will give students a chance to reflect on the central CrossRoads questions before beginning the school year. The program is modeled after one at Boston University, which was so popular that it grew to 12 times its original size in its first three years.

A similar Outdoor Adventures Experience called Endeavor will look at the same questions in the light of a wilderness trek.




Tentative plans include a "majors declaration celebration" in the spring, after sophomores officially declare their majors. Coordinators hope to get the support of departments in planning special events to welcome their new majors.

Additionally, a special interest house for sophomores has been proposed, and the Center for Values and Service is working on creating service opportunities especially for sophomores.

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A call for consistency

Ever since students decided to stage their own production of *The Vagina Monologues* on campus, many have questioned the college's position to allow the controversial performance to take place. Dissension has reached new heights as "V-Day" draws closer, most demonstrably with the ultra-conservative Cardinal Newman Society placing a full-page ad in *USA Today* blasting Loyola and other institutions who are hosting it. Individuals on this campus have also stated their view against the show, just as they and the Newman Society have every right to do (though it should be said that the Newman Society's criticism is delegitimized somewhat by its pitch for donations in the very same ad).

We applaud the college for its firm position to allow the performance to take place. The presentation may offend some, and as College President Rev. Harold Ridley, S.J. said, there may be more appropriate ways to discuss women's issues. Still, allowing this production to occur on campus despite those concerns sends a positive message. First, it says that the college supports and values the opinions of its students, and secondly that it encourages a robust discussion of even the most controversial of topics.

To give in to conservative pressure, as institutions such as Loyola New Orleans, Catholic University and St. John's University have done, would have effectively been censorship, something this publication clearly considers disgraceful. College is meant to be a time when we expand our horizons, and the philosophy of a Jesuit education surely encourages this type of exposure.

While we clearly support this position of the college, we must admit to being somewhat surprised by it. Earlier this year in this very space, we voiced our disapproval of the college's position on an issue just as controversial: sexual education. Last year Loyola put a stop to sexual education programs that were presented by SHARP Peer Educators. While some disputed that the college even forced them to end, various individuals said that the college as a Catholic institution could not support such programs.

As the college re-evaluates its sexual health programs, we hope that they will reach a decision consistent with the one to allow *The Vagina Monologues* to take place. We cannot ignore reality, and we cannot prohibit programs that present undesirable truths. In fact, as an institution of higher learning, Loyola has an obligation to support them.

War President



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Spears "Touch" produces shock gold

As the boundaries of what is socially acceptable in pop culture continue to expand with attempt after attempt to be the most shocking, recording artists are further defiling their acts rather than cleaning them up in hopes of attracting the spotlight.

NICK BROWN

The most recent appeal to the human hunger for shock is Britney Spears' new album, *In the Zone*, particularly a song entitled "Touch of My Hand" which, to use an appropriate euphemism, is about "self-gratification."

Upon hearing this song for the first time, my immediate reaction was frustration or anger from the fact that (I suspected) she did not write this song, since she has said in the past that she does not write the vast majority of her songs.

Furthermore, I felt that whoever had written it had done so with the intent of shocking all audiences and appealing to the sex drive of all male listeners. No more, no less. To achieve both of these goals is to become an established sex-symbol.

My considered reaction did not change drastically; in fact, it irked me even more when, a day or two later, I read an interview with Spears. She attempted to justify the content of the song by claiming that its purpose was to convey a message of female independence from male reliance.

When I hear Spears tell the world that she can sing about masturbation (which appeals to most every adolescent male in America so blatantly that she might as well be calling out to them for attention) and female independence -- in the same song, no less -- I hear a contradiction. In my opinion, the real purpose of the song is to shock audiences and further develop Britney

Spears as my generation's ultimate sex symbol.

The song didn't shock me at all. Instead, it made me mad. I don't believe anything Spears says about her reasons for performing the song. I believe she sings the song because the industry has paid her to do so, and because she gets to live the ultimate dream of any teen; to be who every female wants to be, and who every male wants to have sex with.

Another major reason for my anger stemmed from the ease with which record companies can get these messages to the public. Three generations ago, any sexual act this blatant would be attacked and shunned. With each generation since, shock value has been rewarded more and more handsomely. In today's society, everyone can tell the world about their sexual habits, and porn stars make more money than teachers.

Spears' "independence" justification also tells me that we have not yet entered the age where it is okay to be outwardly sexual. She conveys sexual messages, but she does not admit that their purpose is to appeal to the sex drive. Instead, she sugarcoats it, and says it is about "girl power." If today's entertainment is so liberal now, imagine the possibilities when we as a society reach the point when it is no longer necessary to hide true motives. In my opinion, the only thing stopping Spears from ripping her clothes off on stage and acting out the motions that go along with "Touch of My Hand," is the fact that such blatant sexual appeal would have absolutely no ulterior justification besides shock value and sex-symbol queen-hood, which would take away the credibility she still maintains in the eyes of some naïve parents. A few years down the road, when deceptive validation is no longer

demanded by society and technology increases, the boundaries for what can be done to exploit our sense of shock value will increase tenfold.

I believe that Spears' song does a terrific job of communicating its message. I don't really know why; it certainly does not affect me the way she hoped to. As an adolescent male, I do not lust after Spears. Rather, I frown upon her and her entire crew of designers, creating her image and adjusting it every day.

However, she continues to sell records, attract men and make young girls jealous, so her music is having some affect on her listeners. I believe that it succeeds because it uses language and style appropriate to today's generation. Rather than using unique style to alter and affect a generation, as truly great artists have done, Spears reverses the order; she lets the generation change and steer its natural course, and then jumps at the first opportunity to move with those changes.

The people behind the scenes study today's society as carefully as a group of marketers trying to sell a product (essentially what they are). Then, they change her based on the newest style.

Thus, every time she opens her mouth, she is fresh and new. That is why she never gets old, and that is why she continues to succeed as a recording artist. And, as long as there is something shocking that no one has done yet, she will never fail.

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Capitalism: Immoral system or just way of business?

Many people who consider themselves well-informed believe that capitalism is an inherently immoral system. According to them, capitalism is a system that promotes selfishness and vice. It oppresses the masses and creates a caste system where the rich dominate the poor. Such Marxist analysis is often smart and well-articulated, but completely wrong.

MATTFESTA



FESTA'S RANT

In reality, the free enterprise system has been the most successful system at creating wealth and opportunity for human beings. It is out of capitalist countries that society has gotten Tylenol, televisions, heart bypasses and a host of other things that we take for granted today. No other economic system has been so successful.

What is even more shocking is just who capitalism has helped the most: the poor. When one looks at the two billion people living under \$2 a day, it becomes quite clear that the reason for their perpetual poverty is that they *haven't* adopted capitalism. Many of these countries are rich in resources, but they haven't developed the proper institutions to exploit their assets. Likewise many countries that are resource-poor, like Hong Kong and Japan, are among the richest societies in the world because they have adopted capitalism.

Yet if this system is so successful, why do so many people hate it? Why do they refuse to admit its legitimacy? They hate it, not because it is successful, but because it employs self-interest.

Regardless of how economically

incoherent socialism was, at least that system did not rely on greed and selfishness.

These objections can be properly summed up in the following passage from the founder of modern economics, Adam Smith. Smith says, "It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest." Many people often misinterpret this to mean that Smith was advocating selfishness as a virtue.

But such an interpretation misses Smith's central insight. What Smith was trying to say was simple. When you or I go to the store to buy food we are not acting out of the love of humanity. Rather, we are acting out of our own (legitimate) self-interest. Buyers go to the store to buy milk and suppliers often supply goods to earn income. Yet the net result of this leads to economic growth and development.

The mistake that is being made here is that critics are confusing recognition that self-interest is a part of human nature with its advocacy. This is wrong. Besides the fact that legitimate self-love is entirely appropriate, critics are living in a dream world if they deny its reality.

While humans are capable of self-sacrifice and virtue, we are not angels. Thus, because we are fallen human beings, any system (whether economic or not) must take into account that humans also act out of self interest.

Some people reject this. They believe that if we just work hard enough, we can eliminate any and all self-interest. These people might want to note the criticisms of Pope John Paul II of such a conclusion. As the pope says, "Where self-interest is violently suppressed, it is replaced by a burdensome system of bureaucratic control which dries

up the wellsprings of initiative and creativity. When people think they possess the secret to perfect social organization ... they think they can use any means, including violence and deceit, in order to bring that organization into being."

Rather than bringing utopia on earth, such naiveté leads to tyranny and oppression. Capitalism is the best system to deal with man as he really exists. Such a system properly recognizes man as a rational being capable of initiative and creation. In addition to this, free enterprise helps to check self-interest. It is much harder to concentrate on self-giving when one is mired in poverty and constantly worried whether his home will exist the next morning.

Yet because capitalism is able to check passion and self-interest, it becomes much easier to instill higher virtues. As the economist Dennis Robertson once said, "There exists in every human an inevitable

state of tension between the aggressive ... instincts and the instincts of benevolence. It is for the preacher ... to inculcate the ultimate duty of subordinating the former to the latter. It is the humbler ... role of the economist to help, so far as he can, in reducing the preacher's task to manageable dimensions."

Capitalism is not a perfect system. If it were absolutely perfect, people would not be asking it for solutions to job losses, recessions, and every other short run problem associated with freedom. Capitalism does not promise heaven. One of the main errors of other systems is that they *do*.

When politicians, the media, and students at this school bash the system that made them the wealthiest people in the history of human civilization, they would be wise to consider whether they know what they are talking about.

THUMBS

BY SYDNEY WILSON



Senior 100s -- The 1980s theme was definitely a walk down memory lane. Did anyone else feel awkward knowing that at one point in time, shoulder pads, spandex, the color magenta, bad makeup, Flock of Seagulls and Menudo were the norm?

Spring Break -- Whether it's Jamaica, Acapulco or Cancun, remember three things: don't drink the water, don't get arrested and (if you do get arrested) don't drop the soap. Spring Break 2004: Where the party packages are cheap and the spring breakers are cheaper. Ahhh, college.

Sun -- It feels like spring has sprung finally! So what. It may still be 50 degrees outside but the sun is here. Coming soon -- Club Skin Cancer across the street from Newman. Don't forget to pack your baby oil and g-string. Tan lines are so 1994.

Cabaret -- If you missed this show you truly missed some great talent showcased i.e. the acting and singing, not just the running around in undies. Too bad it was like a friggin' inferno in McManus Theatre though.

Campus police -- Granted, some of the officers get a bad rap, but for the most part they are just really good people trying to make sure we're safe. Besides, we can complain all we want but we're the ones paying for their wheels. Suckers.

Midterms -- Each semester there is a reminder of how many readings I haven't done, how many terms I don't know and the realization that cramming is the bane of my existence. God bless multiple choice questions!

"She Bangs" -- If I have to listen to that off-key computer nerd's rendition from "American Idol" one more time I'm going to "she-bang" my head against a cement wall. Then again, he is she-banging his way all the way to the bank. How is that fair?

"The Surreal Life" -- This show is an absolute disgrace. Trishelle from "The Real World" + Vanilla Ice + Ron Jeremy + Tammy Faye = a disaster of epic proportions. I saw it once and actually wanted to wash my mouth out with soap and take a shower. Was it really that hard to predict that a show about the lives of third rate, washed up pseudo-celebrities wasn't going to be a hit? Speaking of hit, I think Tammy Faye got hit in the face with the entire the make-up section from CVS. Creepy.

Restructuring at the FAC -- The only reason I go at 10 p.m. on Tuesdays is so I can watch "The Real World" and now I can't even do that. The text really isn't all that helpful when my out of shape body is struggling on the treadmill and sweat is pouring off my forehead and burning into my eyes. Oh and the problem that I can't read...



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High-speed access denied

The Internet access in the dorms at Loyola is terrible; anyone who uses the Internet and likes it can tell you that. I'm a pretty simple guy; I don't go out and get hammered five nights out of the week.

When I finish classes and finish my homework, sometimes I like to browse the web or play some games over the Internet. I shouldn't have to put forth some sort of pretense for requesting Internet access that

STEVE RAWCZAK

doesn't suck. I shouldn't have to say that I need it for studying or research. If my room and board check pays for, and I quote directly from the TSC webpage, "access to the network [which] gives students direct "high-speed" access to the Internet and E-mail," then I should be able to, at a reasonable speed, download things that are legally downloadable and play an online game which I have paid for. I should be able to load my Hotmail inbox fast enough so that I still care about my e-mail by the time it finally comes up, and it shouldn't take 30 seconds to load my buddy list on AIM.

It has become painfully obvious that, for whatever reason (excuse) they continually choose to give us for this, that Loyola in no way ever intends to upgrade the network to a reasonable speed (at least while any of us are still here). I have tried e-mailing technology services about it. I wrote a letter to the editor of *The Greyhound* that they published last year. Loyola has to know that this is a problem.

I have no idea why the Internet is so slow.

Do people even use file-sharing clients like Kazaa anymore? Even if they do, they throttle the download speeds so much I don't see how it could bog down the network this much. There aren't that many people living on this campus; there's no reason why decent, reliable Internet should be such a problem. I don't know exactly how much of my \$3,640 in room fees went to fund tech services, but however much it was, much like the bookstore and Primo's, it was a rip-off. I'm not asking for lightning fast service, I'm just asking for some consistency at a decent speed. Perhaps equal, segmented bandwidth allocation instead of pooled bandwidth allocation would solve this problem; in so many words, if we all got a certain amount of bandwidth instead of all of us scrambling for bandwidth from a set, universal amount.

The real problem, once you realize that this network will always be sluggish and inconsistent, becomes that we have no other options; believe me, I have looked into it. We cannot subscribe to cable Internet service (hell, we can't even use dial-up because of the digital phone lines, which would even be faster than what we have now). If the Internet connection that my room fee is paying for is unsatisfactory, I should at least have the possibility of seeking other options, of taking my business elsewhere.

Is it so difficult to take some of the money that is going to, perhaps, feeding sports teams that never win, and pay for appropriate Internet access for a school this size? If it is, is it as difficult to allow us to spend our own money to remedy that situation? I submit that it is not.

On the Quad

What elective would you like to see at Loyola?

By LISA DELAURENTIS AND KAT TAYLOR



"An axe-roundedness class. To learn how to chop your own wood, and the proper technique for axe throwing."

Kevin Dulin '04
Writing



"Any kind of dance, especially different cultural dancing."

Kat Munford '07
International Business



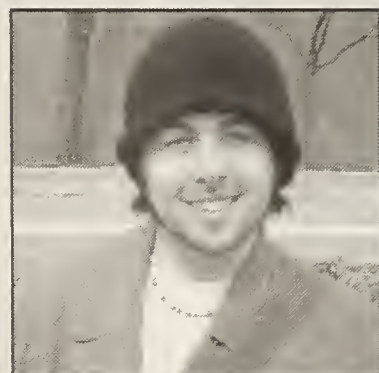
"Native American beadworking. I took it in high school and it was a lot of fun."

Abby Tubman '06
Biology



"Hip hop, featuring Snoop Dogg."

Greg "Ton" Morrone '07
Biology



"Home Economics"
Pat Greene '05
Photography

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If you would like to be in On The Quad, find Lisa and Kat Fridays at 1 p.m. outside of Boulder.

'Choose your own adventure' returns

Maybe it's because I've been suffering recently from a strong case of senioritis that only allows me to walk as far as the television to watch hours of mindless "I Love the '80s" episodes, but I have a strong craving for a fourth-grade copy of the "Choose Your Own Adventure" books ... and a box of dark chocolates (but that's besides the point).

MEGGINETTY

Therefore, this column will be dedicated to the small decisions we as college students make every day, that either lead us to a labyrinth (the library), a pot of gold (the ATM) or -- dare I say -- death (my Friday morning Theology class hangover). Beware: choose wisely (you definitely do not want to wind up half-drunk taking notes on Jesus this Friday).

It's Friday, 10 a.m. Your alarm goes off, and while you don't feel like getting up, you remember that you have a presentation to make for class. Do you hit the snooze and keep snoring -- you'll tell "Professor What's His Name" that you needed a "mental health day" -- or shower, shave and plan for a nap after your PowerPoint?

Good work. The presentation went well, even if you were a little sleepy. (By the way, if you chose "keep snoring," you should know that "Professor You Remember His Name Now" failed you for the semester, you needed this class to graduate, and now you're destined to remain a super-duper senior for the next six months. Even Jesus can't help you now -- you dissed him when you missed class. In "Choose Your Own Adventure" lingo: you die.) So ... you head to Boulder for a little caffeine to wake you up and a little appetizer to tide you over.

Your stomach is telling you to head for the greasy cuisine (the little muffin that

accompanies the chicken fingers looks especially adorable today), but your heart is reminding you of your newly-discovered diet. What'll it be: salad or sustenance?

Damn, that honey mustard was good. (If you chose "salad," you should know that the Boulder ladies poisoned the spinach leaves in an effort to increase sales on the sandwich line. Arsenic ain't good. Sorry, you die.) Now to kill some time before your next class: should you step outside for a cigarette or check your e-mail?

Wow, you have rehearsal for the play tonight, class was canceled and you would never have known it -- if not for Cyber Café. (If you chose "cigarette," remember that smoking causes cancer, cancer kills, you die.) What to do now? You could finish -- start, rather -- researching your article for *The Baltimore Sun* at the library, but that involves thinking. Or you could head over to motorpool and confirm your reservation for the car, but that involves walking.

Exercise is good, and the car is yours. (The library didn't have any of the books you needed, the photocopy machine was broken, and the evil woman at the counter decided to charge you a \$50 late fee for a book called *Fat Girl Dances With Rocks*. You, your article and your bank account can rest in peace.) You're too early to head downtown to teach the children of Baltimore to read (and do other stuff well too), so you decide to take the car for a spin.

CVS is right next door, but you hear that the mall is having great sales on stuff you don't need, but really want: in which direction do you drive?

You're cruising through Towson, sporting a new pair of sunglasses. Half-price, not bad. (CVS was held up by the dudes who usually hit Bank of America. Bang, you're dead.) Now it's time to tutor.

The little girl you work with is having some difficulty with math, but the only kind

of "pi" you know comes in apple and cherry. Do you switch to sentence structure or pretend to be an algebra expert?

She's going to nail her English test, thanks to you. (Pi equals 3.14, which you didn't know, therefore she didn't know. She fails her test, and you ... fall off a cliff. The end.) You're feeling good, even though you're running a little late for rehearsal.

Moral dilemma: Should you park in Jenkins -- at the risk of being towed -- or make the left turn on York -- even though it's well before 6 p.m.?

Luckily, they never tow anyone from Jenkins. (But cops do pull over young girls and give traffic tickets -- no matter how short your skirt is or how much you cry. Go to jail, don't collect \$200, you get the picture.) Play practice went well, and now your friends are talking about hitting up Brewer's Art to celebrate. You'd love a pint, but you're starving. Do you stay in and order Domino's or take your empty stomach out for a few rounds of Resurrection?

Beer is good, you think, as you stumble down a staircase (Domino's frequently forgets to hold the cheese on your pizza. You're dairy allergic and dead on arrival). You might be drunk, but the bartender seems to be checking you out. He looks pretty cute from where you stand: do you strike up a conversation or take your beer goggles home?

Good thing you caught that cab. (The bartender's name turned out to be "Emily." You died ... of embarrassment.) It's cold, and you can't wait to jump into bed and dream of dark chocolate and those weird "Choose Your Own Adventure" books.

But wait -- you have to set your alarm clock, and get ready to start a new day (and a whole new adventure). Quick! 12 p.m. or 8 a.m.???

8 a.m.: ZZZZZZZZZZZZ. (It's Saturday, moron. Go back to sleep!)

Give Loyola Club Sports a chance

Did you know that there are 19 club sports at Loyola? I didn't. In fact, before writing this article, I knew of about three of them. In this institution where we seem to have a problem with school spirit, I can not help but wonder if that is the only reason that no one comes out for club sports. The games

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are just as fun, the players are just as enthusiastic, so what is the difference? I think the main problem is lack of publicity.

Whenever I have attended a game for a club sport it was because someone on the team has told me about it. Word-of-mouth is really the only way that people hear about them. I am slightly biased here since my roommate and I manage the club ice hockey team, but anyone who has come to a game can attest to the fact that it is a good time. Unfortunately, the only game that we get a big crowd of students for is when we play Hopkins at their rink. Hopkins is our biggest on-ice rivalry, but all of the Loyola Ice Hounds games are fast paced and exciting. The players on club teams put in time and effort and it is unfortunate that despite their time and effort, they do not get any of the glory. They pay to play and they do it solely for the love of the game. They have just as much dedication as varsity players and many of them have skills that match those of players on D1 teams at other schools. I

have friends who used to play on the field hockey team as well who participated in all-day-long competitions, but if they hadn't been on the team I probably would not have known it existed. Rugby games are a great time as well. One of my friends always tells me when the games are, but I always seem to forget when it comes to be the day of the game. The Club Sports section of the Loyola athletics website says that, "Club Sport teams bridge the gap between intramurals and varsity athletics, allowing you to enjoy extramural competition without the pressures of highly-structured sports. Clubs are student-directed, with members being required to assume responsibility for organizing contests and fundraising activities, while also providing a great opportunity to develop leadership skills. Something that I feel is key there is

the phrase "student directed." There really is a lot of responsibility that comes with being the president or the captain of a club sport.

Two of my friends hold this position, one on the men's ice hockey team and the other on the women's volleyball team. Both individuals put a great deal of time and energy to make sure that their teams respective seasons run smoothly. Varsity sports are great and we are very fortunate to have them here at Loyola, but I think that there is a lot to be said for our club teams as well. So the next time you talk to one of your friends on a club team, ask them when their next game is and do one better than me and remember to show up for it. Most importantly, remember the words of Coach Calhoun from *Grease*, "If you can't be an athlete, be an athletic supporter."



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The Loyola Rugby team, like other Club Sports, deserve just a much recognition as D1 teams on campus.

Some thoughts on life lessons learned in hard times

On Sunday Feb. 8, a high school friend of mine lost control of his car on an icy, winding highway in West Virginia. He was on his way back to his naval base in South Carolina after a weekend of visiting his mom and girlfriend in Ohio. Mike Miller, who had the bluest eyes I've ever seen, died on that Sunday. He was 20 years old.

TORIWOODS

I know that many people on this campus have already experienced the tragic loss of a friend their age. For me, this was a first ... and I'm not going to lie, I was completely freaked out. Overwhelming thoughts of mortality washed over me -- I felt scared, alone, and painfully human and finite. As college kids, it's our job to think we're immortal; it's a hallmark of youth to feel that we will never die. Amidst the tremendous support of my friends, I calmed down and attempted to view the tragedy philosophically.

During my contemplation on the matter, one thought kept popping into my head again and again. "Live each day as if it were your last." I have always hated this phrase, not just because it is an overused cliché but because it is so morbid.

Who honestly wants to go around assuming this is their last day on earth? But with Mike's death, I was reminded that one day will be your last day, and choosing not to think about it will not negate this reality.

But think about this saying for a minute. We've all heard it before, but really think about it. "Live each day as if it were your last." What does this actually mean? How

can this philosophy possibly be implemented by college students? Finding myself entrenched in a philosophical quagmire, I asked some friends what they thought about this sentiment. With their permission, here are some of their responses.

"I would totally love to follow that saying, because I think it would make my life much more exciting and fulfilling, but if I lived everyday as if it was my last I would never go to class, and probably wouldn't be here at college all! So, I simply don't have the guts to follow the advice of that saying." Member of class of '05

"It's basically a matter of focus, if your sights are set too far ahead, you can't see what is immediately at your feet, and the last thing you want is to miss the here and now. If you look to today, you will undoubtedly see a glimpse of the future with which to set some goals ... Let alone the fact that the existence of tomorrow is uncertain." '04

"I think that following the cliché to some extent is a good way to live. If you don't put everything that you have out there, you could miss out on a lot of things if you hold back from it. You should try and live the most fulfilling life that you can and take chances, because if you don't, you could miss out on something really great." '06

"The general message is to live without the inhibition of societal constructs. We base much of our interaction with people predicated upon the belief that we will see them again tomorrow, and the next day, etc, and we must act with decorum enough that those people will continue to be pleased to see us. By societal constructs in this case,

I mean a fear of death and a fear of dislike from our peers." '04

"Live every day as though you are going to have to stand next to Christ and watch a rerun of your life." '05

"The cliché should not mean that you did everything you wanted; but more that you don't have regrets. No one is ever so free that everything they want everyday comes true ... but if you live your day to its fullest, even if that means sitting in class and getting an A, then you really can't regret that day. Live without regret, or fear, and you can't really say that you didn't give that day your best." '06

"Follow your heart. Ignore society, listen to your soul." '05

"It is difficult to follow this because if we do, we may have to pay down the road ... It's two-fold, you need to enjoy your life now but also makes plans for the future." '04

"For me, the cliché, 'Live every day as if it were your last' means taking advantage of every opportunity that life throws your way. I have applied this to my college life in terms of trying to become aware of a variety of causes on campus and getting involved in as many opportunities as possible. This translates as giving back to the community,

sticking up for what you believe in, spending all night talking to a friend, learning about as many things as possible, taking time out for yourself, giving yourself in a major way to at least one other person, and getting up tomorrow to do it all over again." '05

I then arrived at my own conclusion. We must live for today, but not to the exclusion of tomorrow. We must throw ourselves passionately into our everyday experiences and enjoy them to the fullest, simultaneously being mindful of our responsibilities and with an eye towards our future. It's all about introducing that balance into your life. If tomorrow were your last day and you would rather spend it with your family, then make that part of your daily life.

Call your family and tell them you love them. If tomorrow were your last day and you wish you had taken more risks, then go bungee jumping over spring break, or go whitewater rafting. Plan for the future but do not let it ruin your present.

Above all, seek your own happiness. That way, on the day that will become your last, and I pray that it is decades away, you will have no regrets about a life well lived.

In memory of Michael Brady Miller, June 3, 1983-Feb. 8, 2004.

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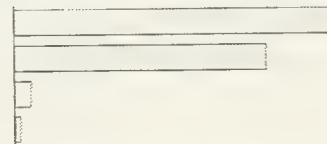
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V-Day Campaign comes to Loyola

Vagina Monologues set to open March 10 amid excitement, controversy



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Colleen Rutledge (right) offers some pointers to senior Kristin Danilczyk at a *Vagina Monologues* rehearsal last week.

BY KATE DENOYER
STAFF WRITER

One in three women will be victims of violence in their lifetime. One woman decided to do something about it, and millions more have joined the fight.

Eve Ensler's play, *The Vagina Monologues*, began as a set of interviews and escalated into a global campaign three years ago.

The controversial play found its way to Loyola thanks to senior Colleen Rutledge, who decided to organize the event after hearing about it from a friend who organized it at Hofstra last year.

The Vagina Monologues will be performed by students and faculty in McManus Theater on March 10 and 11.

One of the words in the title is a word our parents' generation was taught to think of as dirty and unspeakable outside the doctor's office and even then with considerable blushing. All that has changed, to the chagrin of some and the triumph of others.

"I think some people will come see the play because the word vagina is in the title, and some will come because they're interested

in the cause of V-Day and want to know more," said freshman Liz Carlson.

Rutledge held auditions for students in October, and everyone who showed interest was included as either a member of the cast or crew.

"I have always had a deeply-rooted interest in the *Monologues*. But I had never had the opportunity to see it performed, and I'm really glad I got to be a part of the production," said sophomore monologue-ista Candace Cage.

Rutledge also approached several faculty members whom she felt were highly respected and visible on our campus.

Dr. Katherine Brennan said yes on the spot when Rutledge asked her to participate, and acknowledges that "it's an unusual way to raise awareness about violence against women."

Brennan believes *The Vagina Monologues* and the V-Day campaign are consistent with the Jesuit mission of cura personalis and the huge reliance on theater as an integral part of education throughout the history of the Jesuits.

"We need to reflect about our identities as men and women for others. There are confusing gender identity issues that need to be talked about and not buried," she said.

Loyola is not the first or only college, religiously-affiliated or otherwise, to sponsor a performance of *The Vagina Monologues*. In 2003, there were over 1,000 V-Day benefit events presented by volunteers around the world.

All proceeds from ticket sales go to charities of the organizers' choice, usually shelters for battered women like Baltimore's House of Ruth, which Rutledge chose as the main beneficiary for the Loyola event.

The House of Ruth is one of the leading American domestic violence centers and has provided support for thousands of women and their children. Their mission is to protect and provide a safe haven for women and their children and to meet their immediate survival needs and to change society's attitudes so domestic violence is not tolerated.

With tickets going on sale yesterday for \$10 each, Rutledge's goals are to sell out the show and

raise \$6,000 for the House of Ruth.

In preparing for the production, Rutledge has also had to handle the controversy associated with it. But after *The Baltimore Sun* covered the controversy last week, people called the school asking when they could buy tickets to see the show.

"The more publicity the better," Rutledge said.

Dr. Jean Cole of the English Department doesn't see what the big deal is and was flattered to be asked to participate.

"I don't think it's controversial at all. What's objectionable about it?" she said.

She sees it as a great opportunity to get faculty and students working together toward a common goal: empowering women in order to stop the violence that occurs every day around the world.

But it's not just women who have something to learn from the message of the V-Day campaign. Dr. Cole stresses the need for the exposure and education of both genders.

"Violence against women happens every day. Who tends to commit that violence?"

It's also Rutledge's desire to reach both sexes.

"Men are involved because violence affects everyone and men have sisters, mothers, grandmothers, girlfriends, wives and daughters. It's something in our world that we all have to deal with."

Senior Meg Ginnetty agrees.

"I hope it's not just received by the big crazy feminists on our campus. We need to raise everyone's consciousness of this very real problem," said Ginnetty, who has appeared in several Loyola productions. She calls her involvement with *The Vagina Monologues* "an eye-opening experience."

"It's something Loyola's never done before and I'm a little afraid people will focus on the sex and the jokes instead of the important issues in the show. It's shocking, but it's shocking because it's all true stories of women's experiences," said senior Deirdre Mullins, another veteran of the Loyola stage.

"I believe people will enjoy the show. But they won't just come out of the theater laughing. They'll also be thoughtful," said senior Kristen Danilczyk.

As Laurel Thatcher Ulrich said, "well-behaved women rarely make history."

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V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls. The mission of V-Day is to promote creative events that increase awareness and raise money for anti-violence organizations. It also works to raise awareness about violence against women. In 2003, there were over 1,000 V-Day benefits around the world that raised \$4 million for over 1,000 organizations. Through the V-Day campaign, volunteers and college students produce benefit performances of *The Vagina Monologues* to raise awareness and money for anti-violence groups in their own communities. V-Day, a non-profit corporation, distributes funds to grassroots, national and international organizations and programs that work to end violence against women.

--information from vday.org

Stone shines on album of covers

By JASON LAM
STAFF WRITER

Joss Stone has had a whirlwind year in the music industry.

Stone was signed by S-Curve Records and brought to the United States to work with producer Betty

MUSICREVIEW

Wright, best known for her 1972 hit "The Clean Up Woman." White's roots are from the school of the Miami Sounds, an era of jazz and soul from the late 1960s to early 70s. This undoubtedly had an enormous effect on the 16-year-old Stone. So much in fact that she decided to record a cover album of rare soul songs from the Miami Sounds era.

The result, *Soul Sessions*, was pretty much a beautiful accident. She set her original material aside and opted to showcase her voice on 10 revamped versions of some obscure soul classics.

Before you pass judgment and cringe at the idea of a debut cover

album, just try to keep a few points in mind. An avid fan of Joss Stone explained it to me like this: many of your favorite pop stars have a songwriting team.

It's a pretty basic concept; they write the songs, and (fill in favorite young female pop star) performs it. Many fans automatically assume that Ms. Spears or Ms. Lavigne write their "heartfelt" songs.

In Stone's case, she's showcasing her voice and not her image (although she easily could because she is h-o-t). She's an artist first, performer second. Believe it or not, there actually is a difference. And to be honest, unless you're a jazz/soul enthusiast, most of the tracks are so obscure in mainstream popularity that you wouldn't even think they were covers (unless told otherwise).

All that aside, let's move on to one of the most refreshing, soulful voices to come over from the other side of the Atlantic.

Completed in only four days, *Soul Sessions* is a collection of

classic R&B/Soul gems alongside contemporary songs. Making the classics her own, tracks such as Carla Thomas's "I've Fallen in Love With You" and the Isley Brothers "For the Love" showcase a young girl with an old soul.

Her first single is the remake of "Fell in Love with a (Boy)" by indie darlings The White Stripes. Her rendition is organic and adds thickness to the original version that sounded more like a demo than a single.

Because of her ability to make these songs her own, the only similarity in any of the songs, especially the White Stripes cover, is the lyrics.

Wright's classic stripped down production also gives the songs the sonic texture of old 45s (these are what the old folks called records).

"Victim of a Foolish Heart" is Stone's finest hour. A gritty yet smooth retelling of a cheating lover, one would wonder where a 16-year-old could muster such convincing sincerity about heartbreak. There is something extraordinary in how she can make you feel the pangs of a love that might or might not have been her own.



PHOTO COURTESY OF S-CURVE RECORDS

16-year-old songstress Joss Stone arrives in the U.S. with a debut album of standard jazz classics and other masterful cover songs.

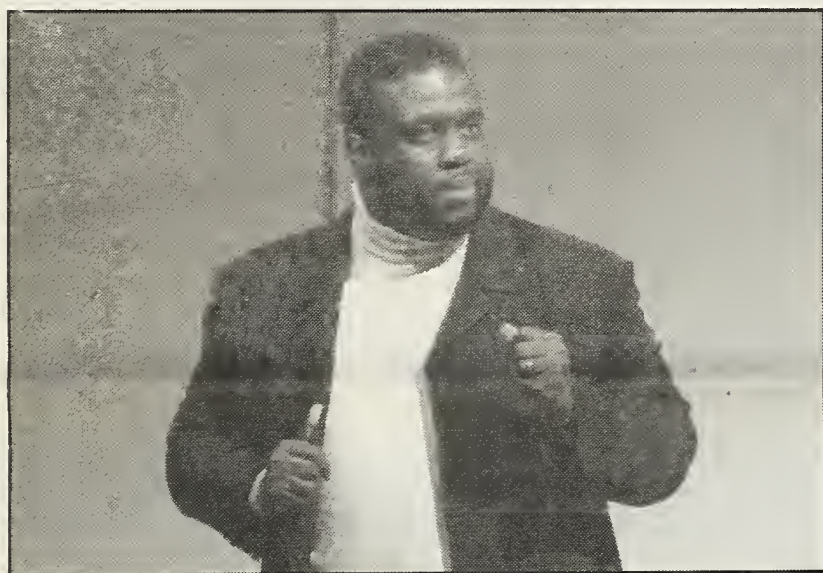
Soul Sessions was not intended to flow from song to song. There are no tracks to skip or fast-forward; this is a collective set of songs that is a launching pad for a great career.

With funky guitars, superb song selection, and an all-star groove band *Soul Sessions* ironically might have been more advantageous to her than if she released a debut of

her own material.

In an era of music where every young white girl that sings becomes the next "American Idol," it took a British import to come to the United States and set the proverbial bar.

While you're "soul deep" into *Soul Sessions*, listen with a smile. Joss Stone's official debut is slated to be released later this year.



LAUREN WAKAL/GREYHOUND

Dr. Jamie Washington addresses the Loyola community as part of Erase the Hate Week last Monday.

Washington highlights Erase the Hate Week

By LAURA GLEASON
ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

Dr. Jamie Washington, president and founder of the Washington Consulting Group, was the featured speaker during Loyola's Erase the Hate Week, which concluded last week.

Washington delivered an address entitled "Where Does Hate Begin and Where Can It End?" to students, faculty and staff on Monday, Feb. 16 in McGuire Hall. Washington's address encouraged members of the Loyola community to examine the origins of hate and what we can do to promote acceptance and tolerance.

On Wednesday, professor Janine Holc of the political science department, an expert on Poland and the Holocaust, provided commentary on the film, *The Pianist*, starring Oscar-winner Adrian Brody. Following a screening of the film, Holc shared her knowledge and discussed the struggle of Jews during the Nazi occupation of Poland in World War II with the audience.

Other guests for Erase the Hate

Week were Carter Ward, who delivered a presentation entitled "The African Origins of Humanity and the Concept of Race." This interactive talk explored the evolution and development of racism and its subsequent effects on issues of hate.

On Thursday, Joe Aronson, an accomplished guitarist and storyteller, headlined Loyola's coffeehouse. Aronson shared stories and songs of victims and survivors of various hate crimes through history.

The week concluded with the SGA's Forum Friday, which afforded students the opportunity to examine the current situation in the Middle East. Asking the question, "How do we as members of Loyola's community make sense of the events transpiring in the Middle East," the SGA facilitated discussion surrounding human relationships.

Erase the Hate Week events were sponsored by several campus organizations including Student Life, Campus Ministry, Student Development, ALANA Services and the Office of the Dean of Students.

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Roy tries brand new sound

Lefty band goes folk in new release

By TOM KOPF
Music Critic

It's bound to happen to everyone at least once: you wake up, take a look around your dive of an apartment and realize that you are simply not happy with your life. It's time for a change, which could mean anything from a different hairstyle to feng shui-ing your place up a bit, to a complete change of scenery.

Well, this need for a change of scene is exactly what happened to the members of Roy. Only it was a change of music, not locale.

MUSICREVIEW

A country-infused rock quartet from Tacoma, Wash., Roy has a pop-friendly sound -- simple yet catchy hooks, slick percussion, and clever lyrics -- that is quite the departure for members Dave and Ben Verellen, Brian Cook, and Mike Cooper.

This is especially surprising considering everyone in Roy was heavily ingrained in the post-hardcore scene.

Ben and Mike were the frontman and bassist of the scream-heavy Harkonen, while drummer Dave and guitarist Brian played with Botch.

But Roy's folk pop-rock -- they've drawn comparisons to everyone from the Kinks to Billy Bragg to Woodie Guthrie -- is hardly even reminiscent of its member's post-hardcore roots.

So why the sudden change? In the words of Cook, "When you spend years and years playing loud music ... and attending

hundreds of hardcore and metal shows, you reach a point where you need [and] crave variety or you get totally burnt out."

Fair enough. Nobody complained when John K. Sampson, former lead singer of Propagandhi, dropped his punk-rock shtick to headline pop-folk greats the Weakerthans.

Given that Roy toured with the Weakerthans in September 2003, I would say that they were off to an amazing start. And with three EPs already behind them -- plus the late-January release of their first full-length album *Big City Sin and Small Town Redemption* -- the boys of Roy show no signs of slowing down.

Big City Sin and Small Town Redemption is nothing short of impressive. Augmenting acoustic and electric instrumentals with vocals both sonorous and socially conscious, Roy creates a sound that is sure to please fans of folksy-rock outfits like Wilco and the Mountain Goats.

Standout songs include "Rebel Hymn," a lament for the self-destructive ideologies of rock-and-roll youth. "Oh, rebel song," warns Dave Verellen in the chorus, "don't sing so loud and true. 'Cause if you break down all those walls, you'll have nothing to break through."

The folk-rock perspectives of Roy reveal themselves in the intelligent social commentary of songs like "Prescription Drugs" and "Never Getting Married." A pair of catchy acoustic ballads, the former deals with health insurance in the United States while the latter questions the public rejection of homosexuality and gay marriage. Hardly what one would expect from a bunch

SONGS FOR SERVICE



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The Loyola College Belles (above) and Chimes, with guest group the Johns Hopkins Octopodes, performed at the SBO Benefit Concert for the second straight year on Thursday. The concert sold out McGuire Hall West and raised over \$1,000 for the Spring Break Outreach sites students will travel to next week.

of ex-hardcore rockers, eh?

Roy's delightfully sarcastic sense of humor lends itself well to the band's music, particularly with the Piebald-esque "Darryl Worley Forgotten." In a self-conscious view of what it means to be an American, Roy pokes fun at the special breed of super-nationalism fostered by a certain country singer shortly after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Be forewarned, Roy is not necessarily meant for every fan of rock music, and the band's liberal leanings are guaranteed to upset at least one College Republican or Bush supporter.

Nevertheless, *Big City Sin and Small Town Redemption* is loaded with sincerity and intelligence, and such estimable qualities should certainly warrant giving the album a listen.

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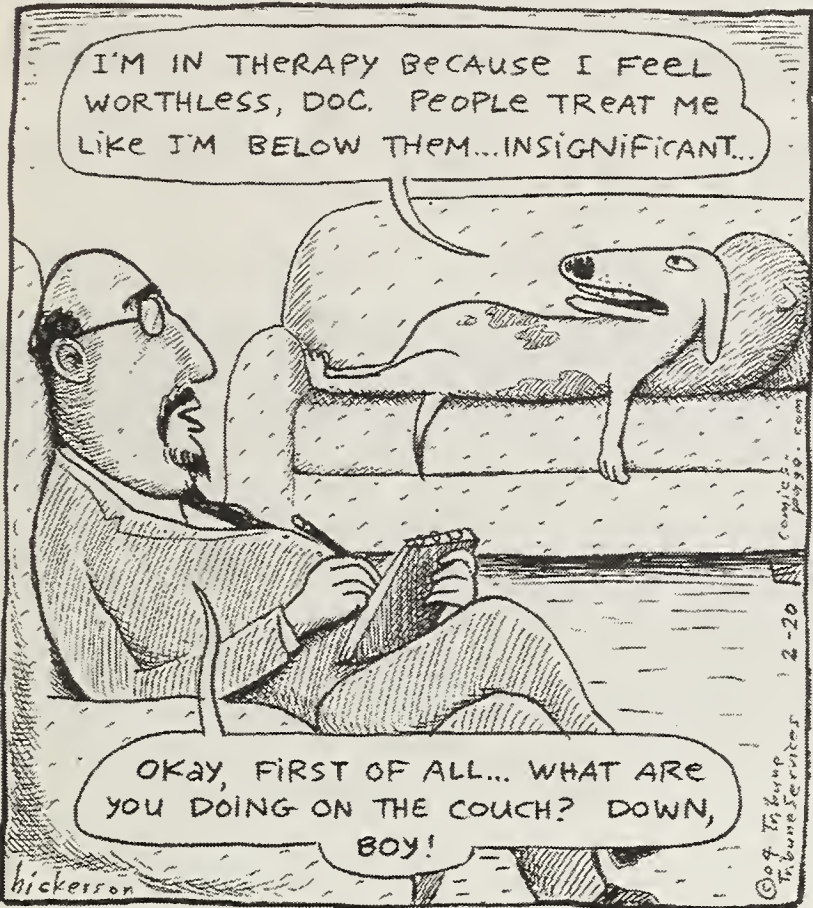
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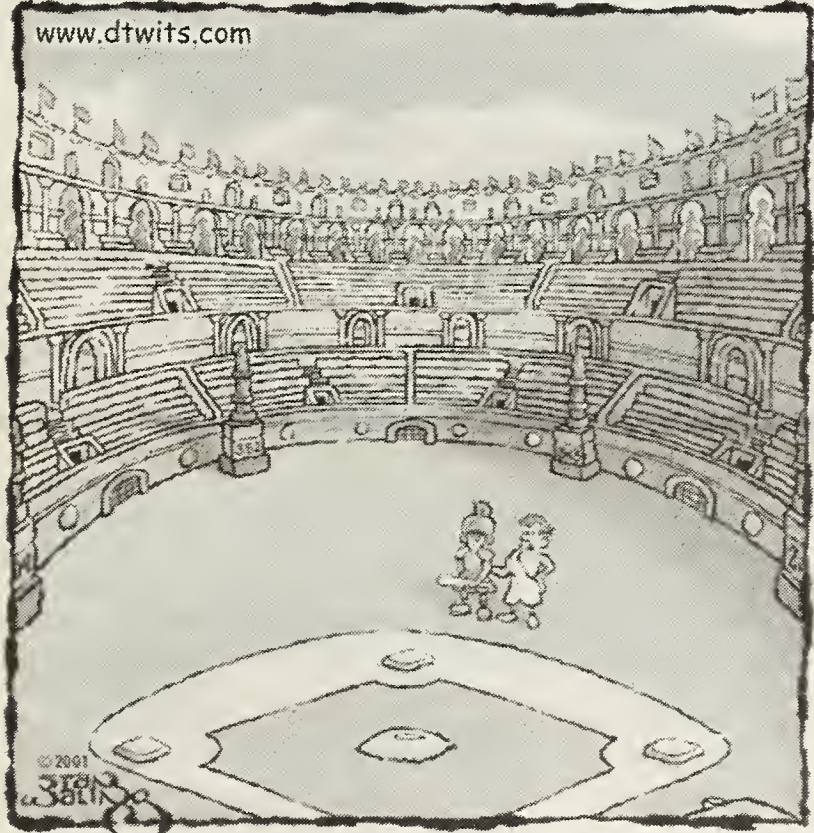
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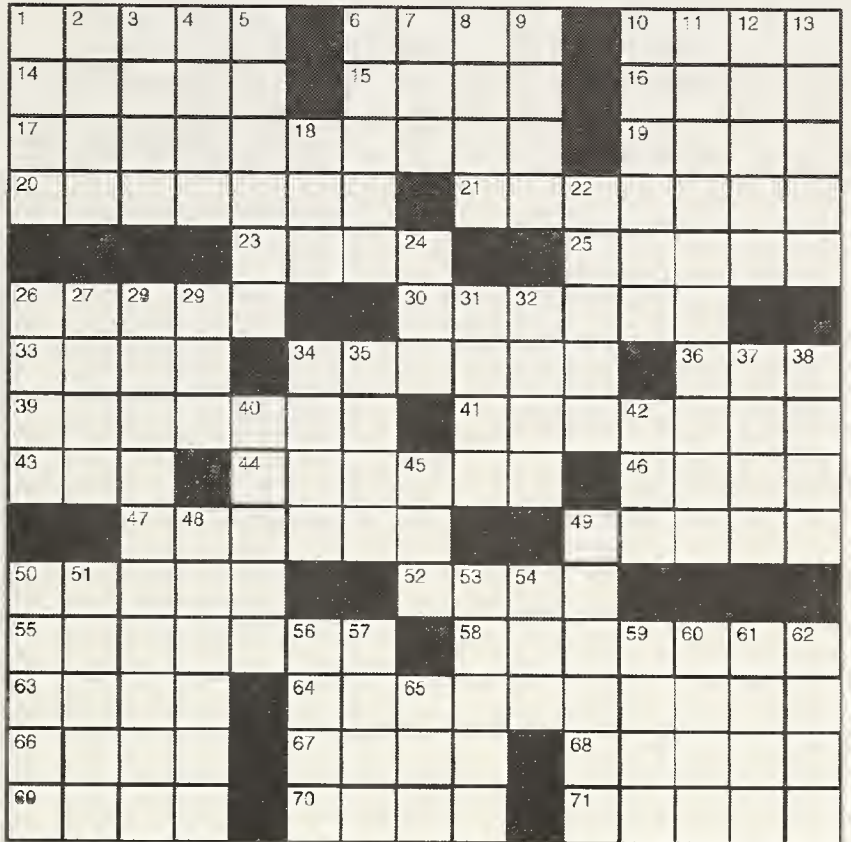


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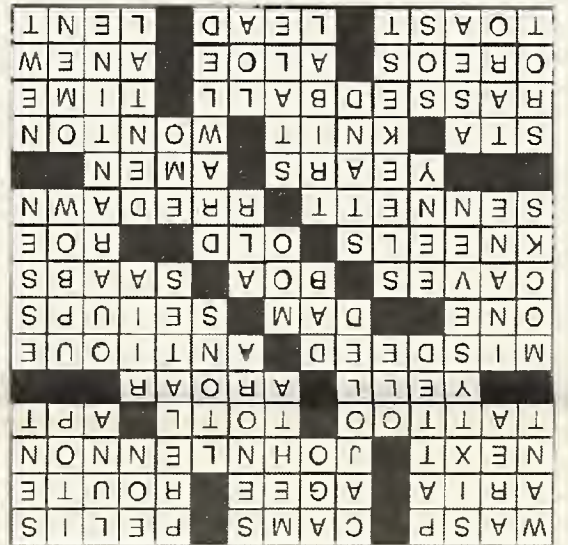
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Solutions to last week's puzzle



- Numerical relationship
- Really needed a bath
- Black goo
- Cogito sum
- Jane in "G.I. Jane"
- Model Moss
- Yeah, sure
- Director Kazan
- Budget item
- Irish Sea isle

Aries (March 21-April 20). Wednesday through Saturday accent last-minute social invitations. Group events may prove unusually rewarding. Remain open to new romantic introductions and make the most of increased social opportunities.

Watch for friends or colleagues to disagree on planned schedules, daily obligations or social events. Emotional ownership and possessiveness may be at issue. Go slow and ask loved ones for added support.

detailed discussions. At present, friends and lovers may need to work through delicate issues of intimacy, privacy or trust.

ions or comments may also be accented. Watch for verbal power struggles to quickly evolve into silly antics.

isolation or family disputes may be strong concerns.

HOROSCOPES

By Lasha Seniuk/KRT

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Home and romantic plans are accented over the next five days. Before Friday, expect loved ones to discuss long-term family aspirations, traditional roles in the home or costly renovations. After Saturday, rest and enjoy private time. Physical and emotional vitality may be low. Pamper the body, if possible, and avoid excess social strain.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Fair play and group dynamics are accented over the next two days.

easily resolved. Expect renewed respect and added cooperation from loved ones.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22). Thursday through Sunday, loved ones will expect detailed explanations of recent group events, family dynamics or romantic decisions. Remain open.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Before midweek, loved ones will search out emotional validation for their romantic goals or family ideas. Remain thoughtful and wait for

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Romantic and social promises are highlighted. Late Tuesday, watch for loved ones to express a need for family sharing, emotional intimacy or sensuality. Be receptive. Love and a renewed faith in long-term commitment will offer powerful rewards.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Don't avoid difficult decisions. Your actions and guidance will be quickly followed. Late Saturday, respond honestly to probing questions or subtle comments. Short-term romantic choices may be necessary.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). An emotional or social competition now fades. After Tuesday, expect moody friends to settle differences and find common understanding. Unusual discuss-

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Close relatives and romantic partners are highly motivated to discuss family patterns, traditional roles or outdated decisions. Past differences will no longer create restriction. Use this time to improve harmony, understanding and group awareness in the home.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Social relationships are unpredictable. Before Thursday, watch for sudden bursts of emotion or rare confrontations between friends. No serious or long-term affects are likely, so not to worry. Do, however, avoid detailed discussions concerning yesterday's promises or missed invitations. Friday through Sunday, a relative or romantic partner will offer unique insight into his or her private fears. Offer heartfelt advice. Long-term

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Love affairs and long-term family plans may be complicated with last-minute time restrictions and outside responsibility. Romantic hopes and social decisions will be brought back into balance. Early this weekend, contact old friends. Your affection and loyalty are genuinely missed.

If your birthday is this week ... Key areas of concern involve private family strain, marital discord or minor power struggles with younger co-workers. Before April 5, changes and revised job roles may demand serious attention. Later this summer, surprising romantic and social opportunities may arrive. After mid-July, expect love relationships to quickly evolve into long-term commitments or complex lifestyle choices. Wait, however, until the end of September before taking on greater family responsibilities.



Women drop 3 straight

BY NEVIN STEINER
STAFF WRITER

Loyola squandered an opportunity to receive a first-round bye in the MAAC tournament last week, falling to the Canisius 73-54 on Sunday for their third straight loss and fourth out of five games. The Hounds now stand at 7-9 in the MAAC, 11-14 overall entering the final week of the season.

"This stretch we are on is kind of tricky," said Loyola head coach Candy Cage.

The Hounds went into the half virtually even with Canisius, trailing 33-30. In the second half the Griffs went on two large runs. They opened the half up on a 10-2 run and Loyola went scoreless for seven minutes putting the Griffs up 62-46. The game was sealed in the final two minutes, when the Griffs went on 11-2 run.

Freshman Jill Glessner and Ebony Toliver set career highs in points. Glessner led the Hounds with 13 points along with seven rebounds. Toliver had eight points. Sophomore forward Jackie Valderas had six points and seven rebounds.

Canisius put a stop to the Greyhounds' top four contributors, holding senior Lindsay Cobb, sophomores Katie Scherle, Lauren Troupe and Krystle Harrington to a combined 19 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists. They also got all four of these players in foul trouble throughout the game.

The Greyhounds shot 32 percent from the field and were out rebounded 47 to 38. Loyola was unable to stop Canisius as they shot 46 percent from the field and had three players score a combined 49 points to lead the team to victory.

On Friday Loyola traveled to face Niagara, 11-5 in the MAAC. The Greyhounds went into the half up 29-25. They shot 50 percent, held Niagara to 38 percent shooting and held Niagara's leader Eva Cunningham to one point.

"She goes 0-6 in the first half and we are only up four, and we miss so many easy shots. I knew we were in trouble," said Cage.

In the first half only five fouls were called. "They let us play; they didn't call anything," said Cage. "In the second half foul, foul, foul."

Scoring 48 points in the second half, Niagara went 21 for 25 from the foul line, as the Greyhounds were charged with 13 fouls. Cunningham led Niagara to a 73-59 victory, scoring 20 of her 21 points in the second half.

Along with turning the ball over 10 times in the second half, the Hounds were out rebounded for

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LC places third at MAACs

Turcinov receives MAAC's Most Outstanding Swimmer award

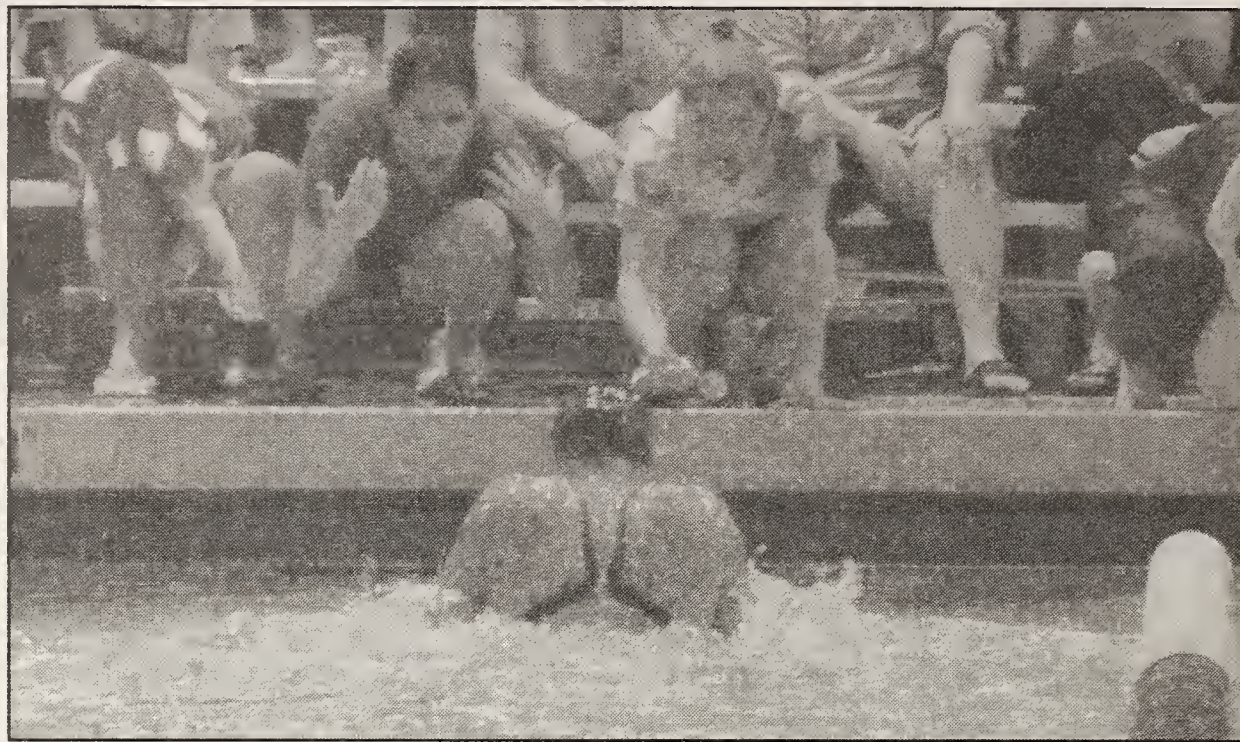
BY TERRY FOY
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In the pinnacle event of their season, the Loyola Greyhounds men's and women's swimming and diving teams rose to the occasion and attained their goals. Finishing in third place, both the men and the women saw their times drop and scores rise racing against the fastest competition of the season.

"I knew that if everyone did their part on the team that we would end up where we wanted to and I think everyone achieved what they had planned for," said junior Marko Turcinov.

The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championships, which were held at the Fitness and Aquatic Center this past weekend, saw Loyola host the MAAC's finest swimmers and divers in front of an energetic, near-capacity crowd of about 500 people. Colorfully adorned and sitting by section, the fans and parents showed the support for their teams by lasting the arduous three day event, and cheering as loudly for the 400 yard freestyle relay that ended the weekend as they had at the start.

Leading the Greyhounds was Turcinov, who was named the MAAC's Most Outstanding Men's Swimmer. In addition to winning the 100 yard butterfly and the 100 IM, Turcinov set the conference record in the 200 fly



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A Loyola swimmer swims the breaststroke at the MAAC Championship meet. Both teams came in third at the meet and Loyola junior Marko Turcinov was named the MAAC's Most Outstanding Swimmer.

with a blistering time of 1:50.13. Also, Turcinov posted the fastest legs for his relay team in both the 200 and 400 freestyle relay.

"I knew that if I would swim my race everything would be in its place. I thought we trained all year pretty hard, so nothing was going to hold us back at this point," said Turcinov.

Rider University brought home the championship on the men's side, unseating Marist College.

As the powerhouse swimming program in the MAAC, the Red

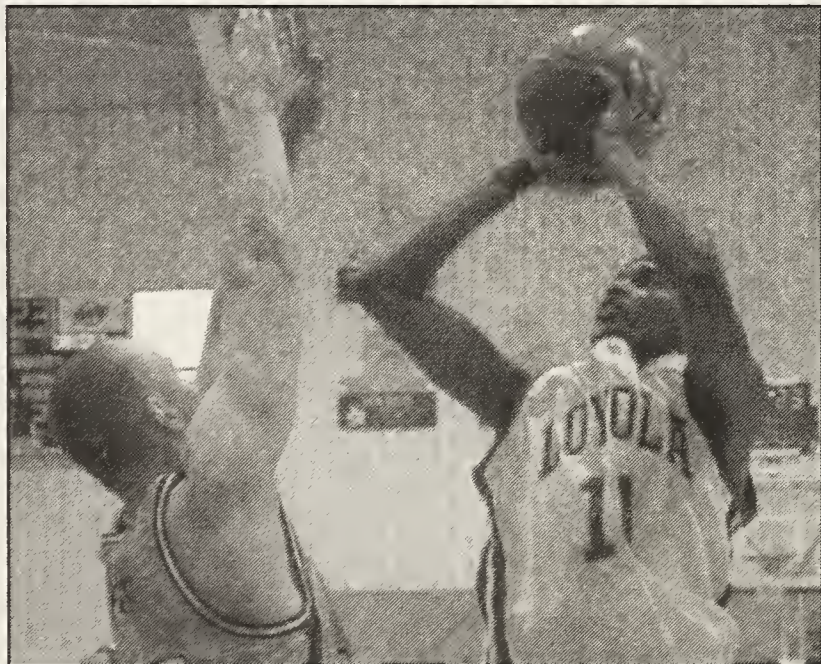
Foxes had won nine consecutive conference championships since joining the conference in 1995. While most experts anticipated Rider making a good showing at the meet, few expected a victory from the Broncos. However, victories in 3-meter diving and the 200 backstroke, along with a deep list of second and third place finishers, were strong enough to ward off Marist.

The Marist women, however, had better luck as they again brought home the team title after a

one-year hiatus. They took individual golds in the 500 and 1000 freestyle events, 3-meter diving, and 200 backstroke, along with several relays. In an impressive showing, the Red Foxes turned back second place Rider by nearly 80 points.

While no swimmers or divers were able to qualify for the NCAA tournament, it was still a banner meet as conference records were set by Turcinov, Marist's Lauren Malski in the women's 200

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Charlie Bell, Loyola's leading scorer, goes up for a shot over a Canisius defender.

Men fall in Buffalo

BY PETE DAVIS
SPORTS EDITOR

The annual weekend trip to Buffalo to face Niagara and Canisius resulted in two more losses for Loyola. The Hounds dropped a close 69-62 battle against Niagara and an 83-67 decision to Canisius dropping their sixth straight game since defeating Marist.

On Thursday night, Loyola and Niagara engaged in a hard-fought,

back and forth game where neither team could take a commanding lead.

"It was a war out there," said Loyola leading scorer Charlie Bell. "It was definitely a battle; they have a lot of big men."

The Hounds started the game going on a 6-0 run, but Niagara responded quickly. Midway through the first half, Niagara went on a 10-0 run of their own, taking the only double-digit lead of the

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Tennis defeats GMU

BY PETE DAVIS
SPORTS EDITOR

As the weather gets warmer, Loyola's women's tennis team began its spring season by defeating George Mason 4-3 on Sunday afternoon. In a come-from-behind team effort, the Hounds improved to 4-1 on the season with the victory.

George Mason began the match by winning the doubles point. Amy Nitch and Jessica Liberatore fell 8-4 at number two doubles and Claire Najour and Stefanie Clay were defeated 9-7 at number three doubles.

On a positive note for the Hounds, number one doubles team Carolyn Pilkington and Kaitlin Russo defeated George Mason's number one doubles team 9-7. Pilkington and Russo struggled a bit earlier in the season, but recaptured their winning ways with the victory. Both players provided outstanding leadership to the younger players on the team.

In singles competition, Loyola swept the numbers three through six matches in straight sets. Nitch won 6-1, 6-4, Liberatore 6-3, 6-1, Najour 6-2, 6-2 and Clay 7-5, 6-0. Clay played this match in place of Gina Turturiello, who was at a

family function at the time of the match.

"It was nice to see the other kids step up when you're missing one of the main cogs," said Loyola head coach Rick McClure. "It was nice to see the kids come together."

Since George Mason did not have six courts, Clay had to start her match after one of the other matches was over. All of the other matches were finished when Clay was down 5-4 in the first set of her match. From that point on Clay won 9 straight games to win the match 7-5, 6-0 and lock up the victory for the team.

"It was a big time opportunity for her to step up, and she took advantage of it," said McClure.

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Fans share memories of the 1993-94 season

BY PETE DAVIS
SPORTS EDITOR

When you talk to students who were at Loyola in 1993-1994, a majority of them say the MAAC tournament was "the most exciting time in the college's history."

LOYOLA IN THE NCAA'S

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The women's basketball team had success in conference finishing 12-2 in MAAC regular season play, and was expected to be a factor in the MAAC tournament. The men, one year removed from a 2-25 season, were much improved, but no one could have predicted the excitement these two teams would generate on the Loyola campus.

Loyola hired Skip Prosser, who was then an assistant at Xavier University, to be its men's basketball head coach after the disappointing 2-25, 1992-1993 season. When Prosser was hired he did not have the reputation and notoriety that he has built up throughout his career.

"Skip Prosser was just an assistant," said Lou Whiteman, who was a junior during the 1993-1994 season. "I don't think there was any buzz whatsoever. Getting Skip Prosser wasn't really a big deal at the time."

"I don't think anyone really got excited about it," said Brian Foley, a senior at Loyola during that season. "They had some talent; it was really a mystery as to why they were winning a little bit more."

The team showed early in the season that they were going to be a much improved team, but no one expected such a dramatic turnaround. After an up and down regular season, Loyola faced St. Peter's in the first round of the MAAC tournament, a tournament in which the team had never won a game.

Loyola got by St. Peter's 87-80 in overtime and advanced to the semifinals of the MAAC tournament where they would match up against Canisius College. Canisius entered the game on a long winning streak and was a prohibitive favorite to win the game.

"Canisius was a very strong team," said 1994 graduate John Puccio. Puccio and a group of friends were gathered in his room watching the sportsticker at the bottom of the screen on Headline News in order to get updates from the game. He also called his dad in New York where the game was being televised to get updates. Loyola handily defeated Canisius 88-70, pulling off a major upset earning them a spot in the MAAC championship game televised on ESPN.

"To get to the Monday night game was a miracle in itself," said

Puccio.

"That was the real pinnacle of the excitement that season up to that point," said Foley. "Just the fact that we were going to be ESPN was special."

Loyola had to face Manhattan in the finals, a team they lost to by double figures twice during the regular season. Manhattan got out to a big lead early in the game, but Loyola never went away.

The team played an incredible second half and Darius Johnson's three-pointer with time winding down gave Loyola the lead for good and earned them a spot in the NCAA tournament.

"It was the most intense spectator sport I have ever been involved in," said Puccio. "It was crazy. It was the most unbelievable unifying experience that the campus had ever had."

"People just flooded out of their rooms into the streets," said Whiteman. "It looked like a national championship game. There had to be a few hundred people in the courtyards."

"That was the most excitement that has ever happened on that campus, at least while I was here," said Foley.

"It was whirlwind," said Puccio. "Everyone was at Gator's. They had a television camera down there and every time they got to our highlight everyone would stop and cheer like the first time it was happening."

Since the MAAC tournament is one of the first conference tournaments to be played, there were almost two weeks before the first round of the NCAA tournament. The excitement on campus continued during those weeks.

"The next week the campus was buzzing," said Puccio. "People were hanging banners out the window. It was just such an overwhelming sense of pride. We felt like we put Loyola on the map."

The women won the MAAC championship the day before the men when they defeated Fairfield 72-66. Loyola's star player Patty Stoffey-Edelman led the Hounds to the championship and a spot in the NCAA tournament.

"I think during the season the women got as much or more of the attention," said Whiteman. "When the men won the MAAC they got more of the attention."

"There was definitely excitement," said Foley. "The women also had more success during the season."

The women played the first round of the NCAA tournament against an exceptional Virginia team losing 72-47. Even though they lost, the team still achieved the best season in Loyola basketball history. For two weeks in March, both basketball teams provided unparalleled excitement to the Loyola campus and a lifetime of memories for everyone at the college that year. While this magical run was in the process of taking place, basketball was the biggest thing on campus.

Phelps steals focus at MAACs

BY TERRY FOY
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Olympian Michael Phelps could not make it across the pool deck at the Fitness and Aquatic Center this weekend without being hounded by dozens of fans and swimmers looking for autographs, wishing him well and wondering how his training was coming along.

Even with all of the accolades and his rigorous training schedule as he prepares for the Summer Olympics, Phelps has served as a volunteer assistant coach for Loyola's swimming and diving team. Phelps, along with Kevin Clements and Loyola graduate Jamie Barone, have been helping out Loyola swimmers twice a week passing along advice and tips.

"Looking at the information and tips that we've given them, they've all tried to do something about it," said Phelps.

Phelps seems to enjoy being able to establish relationships with the Loyola swimmers as well as help them improve. "It's been exciting for me to sit and watch people change," said Phelps. "It's also been exciting getting to know everybody, and help them out more



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Volunteer assistant coach Michael Phelps and Loyola head coach Brian Loeffler look at the action at MAACs this weekend.

as a swimmer than a coach, and it's been something special."

Phelps has already acquired five world records and has dominated the U.S. National meets in recent years. At Nationals two weeks ago, Phelps won four gold medals and put himself into prime position to be the focus of this summer's Olympic Games in Athens.

Because he has signed endorsement contracts with Speedo and other companies, Phelps is ineligible to participate in collegiate athletics, even when he enrolls at Loyola in the next several years. When exactly he will enroll is to be determined because of his

demanding training schedule.

"I'm not sure if I will this year or next year, everything really depends on what goes on this summer," he said.

As an 18-year-old swimmer who is regarded the best in the world, Phelps graces the cover of the current *ESPN The Magazine* and will soon be featured in *Sports Illustrated*. The world is growing more and more familiar with the Baltimore native. Phelps is considered the first American swimmer in 20 years with a legitimate shot at breaking or tying Mark Spitz's Olympic record of seven gold medals.

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GREYHOUND ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Junior Swimmer Marko Turcinov

Junior swimmer Marko Turcinov had an outstanding weekend at the MAAC championships in winning the 100 butterfly, the 200 butterfly, and the 200 IM. Turcinov also led off the 400 free relay, 800 free relay and swam butterfly in the 200 medley relay. His splits in those relays were the best in the meet.

"I think Marko, personally, every race he swam he set a record in," said coach Brian Loeffler.

For his efforts Turcinov was awarded the MAAC men's Most Outstanding Swimmer.

Loyola places third at MAAC Championships

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breaststroke, and Marist's Nick Chevalier in the 1000 free.

The Greyhounds had many impressive

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performances this weekend as well. All of the relay teams put up good times, supplying the Hounds with a good amount of points that enabled the strong finish.

"Our relays did real well. Our relays got some good times, some top five times," said head coach Brian Loeffler.

For the men, freshman Ryan Reeser contributed mightily to the effort by taking a second place finish in the 500 free and fourth in the 100 free.

Dan Casey's performance in the 3-meter platform dive also earned him a fourth place finish. Chris Berger's fifth in the 1650 free and Sam Brownell's sixth in the 400 IM also proved good enough to earn a visit to the

podium.

In the women's meet, many Greyhound swimmers registered performances that found them on the podium. Megan Sterback's 1-meter diving routine gave her a gold medal with a score of 223.1. Nori Skoda finished third in both the 200 breaststroke and 200 individual medley, as well as placing fifth in the 400 IM.

Lisa Davey had a strong meet in taking fourth place finishes both the 200 and 400 IM. Chelsea Brace, Jayme Adams, Michelle Ryan and Liz Chlebda all earned spots on the podium as well.

"I'm happy with third place for both teams. Last year, the women, we were fourth, so we moved up, and the men had a great meet, so I'm pleased with both teams. And hopefully next year we can continue with this momentum," said Loeffler.

Loyola finished a very successful 2003-2004 season and is sure to have a number of highly touted recruits for next year.

Men drop sixth in a row

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game. Loyola closed out the half strongly and cut Niagara's lead to two at the break.

Starting the second half strong has been one of Loyola's problems throughout the year, but freshman point guard Shane James made sure this would not happen against Niagara. James scored a quick five points to give the Hounds the lead back.

Loyola extended its lead to seven when Bell converted a three-point play with 10:32 left. Niagara responded with its pressure defense and forced Loyola to commit a number of costly turnovers.

"At the end of the game we had some turnovers that led to some fast break points," said Bell. Niagara eventually wore out Loyola, earning a 69-62 victory.

Bell led Loyola in scoring and rebounding with 16 and nine while freshman Mike Tuck scored a career-high 11 points and added five rebounds. James also scored in double figures with 10 points and ran the team efficiently with five assists and only two turnovers.

James Reeves led four Niagara players in double figures with 12 points and 15 rebounds. David Brooks scored a game-high 19 points and dished out five assists for the Purple Eagles.

"I don't want to accept any moral victories but I could say we played hard for 40 minutes which I couldn't say about all

the games this year," said Bell.

On Saturday, Canisius had an exceptional shooting day, connecting for 60 percent from the field including eight for nine from the three-point line. Loyola was still in the game at halftime, only trailing 44-37 at the break.

"Our defense wasn't that good in the first half," said Bell "They made a lot of shots, but we didn't make it tough on them."

The second half was all Canisius as they outscored Loyola 39-30 after the break. Canisius extended its lead to as much as 22 with only a few minutes remaining.

Bell again led Loyola in scoring with 15 points, but only shot five for 15 from the field. Lindbergh Chatman, Bernard Allen and Tuck all scored in double figures for the Hounds. Kevin Downey and Toby Foster led Canisius in scoring with 19 points apiece. They combined to shoot 14 for 18 from the field including seven for 11 from the three-point line.

Loyola returns for to Reitz Arena this week for its final two games before the MAAC tournament begins. The Hounds take on Fairfield on Wednesday night and then battle Iona on Sunday in the regular season finale.

"Going into the last two games and the MAAC tournament, we really feel we can win the next two and get a lot of confidence going into the MAAC tournament," said Bell.

Women fall to MAAC foes

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the game 33 to 30.

"It was our number one key, rebounding," said Cage. "We are bigger, we didn't put a body on anyone, they just out-worked us."

Despite out-shooting Niagara 46 percent to 43 percent, throughout the game shooting was still an issue for the Hounds.

"We got good looks all night," said Cage. "The ball wouldn't go in the basket, we didn't make shots."

Cobb only scored three points, adding seven assists, and two steals. "Seniors, when you're down the stretch you have to step up," said Cage.

Scherle led the Hounds with 15 points and seven rebounds and Glessner had 12 points, adding four rebounds.

"She is just more comfortable," said Cage. "She is just settling in. We are thrilled with her progress. She is making plays that we knew she could make all along."

On Tuesday Loyola faced top-ranked Marist at Reitz Arena. For 37 minutes of the game the Greyhounds led the Red Foxes, but that did not last as they lost the lead in crunch time.

"We had a chance to beat the number one team in the league and we didn't so there's a lot of disappointment," said Cage.

Despite posting four players in double figures, the Hounds still could not hold on

to beat the Red Foxes falling 61-58.

"We're young, he's got six seniors, we don't," said Cage. "He has coached those guys in high school and in summer ball. Even though he is in year two he has been coaching those guys for six years."

The Red Foxes held Scherle to no field goals and only five rebounds. She scored her seven points by going seven for eight from the line.

"Any time she goes up against a big post player it is not her best game," said Cage. "It is not her thing going up against a big physical post player."

Valderas came off the bench to lead the Greyhounds with 14 points, along with four steals and two blocks. Cobb added 10 points and two steals but only four assists.

Harrington added 10 points, seven rebounds, three steals, but only two assists along with four turnovers. Glessner had a solid game with 10 points, seven rebounds, and three assists.

"They're a seasoned team," said Cage. "A lot of people think this is the team we are going to be in two years."

The Greyhounds have two games remaining on the schedule starting with a game against Saint Peter's on Wednesday.

"We have never beaten St. Peter's in Lindsay's time," said Cage. "We got to get some people in the gym."

MEN'S BASKETBALL								
Team	MAAC				Overall			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak
Manhattan	15	1	.938	-	21	4	.840	Won 8
Niagara	11	5	.688	4	17	8	.680	Won 2
St. Peter's	11	5	.688	4	15	10	.600	Lost 1
Fairfield	11	5	.688	4	18	9	.666	Won 3
Rider	9	6	.600	5.5	15	11	.577	Lost 1
Siena	7	9	.438	8	10	15	.400	Won 1
Iona	5	10	.333	9.5	7	17	.292	Lost 5
Canisius	5	11	.313	10	10	17	.370	Won 1
Marist	4	12	.250	11	6	19	.240	Lost 2
LOYOLA	1	15	.063	14	1	24	.040	Lost 6

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL								
Team	MAAC				Overall			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak
Marist	12	4	.750	-	16	9	.640	Won 4
Niagara	12	5	.700	.5	18	8	.692	Won 2
Siena	11	5	.668	1	15	10	.600	Won 4
Canisius	11	6	.647	1.5	16	10	.615	Won 2
St. Peter's	8	8	.500	4	13	12	.520	Won 1
LOYOLA	7	9	.438	5	11	14	.440	Lost 3
Fairfield	7	9	.438	5	8	18	.346	Won 1
Iona	6	10	.375	6	7	17	.280	Lost 2
Manhattan	5	11	.312	7	9	16	.360	Lost 1
Rider	2	14	.125	10	4	21	.190	Lost 7

The 'evil empire' strikes again, but is it bad for baseball?

At first, when you heard about it, you couldn't believe it. It had to be a joke. There was no way Alex Rodriguez, the best all-around player in the game, had been traded to the New York Yankees? But they already have a shortstop and a pretty good one at

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that. No way that they could add A-Rod to a lineup that already features Jeter, Giambi, Sheffield, Matsui, and Posada. It had to be a joke.

Regardless, the news was true. Somehow, some way, the evil empire had struck again, and traded Alfonso Soriano to the Texas Rangers for Rodriguez. Remember that Seinfeld episode when George thinks he is going to become the assistant to the general manager, so he starts to work out a bunch of possible trades they could make. Costanza proclaims, "We trade Jim Leyritz and Bernie Williams for Barry Bonds! Then we'd have Griffey and Bonds in the same outfield! Now you've got a team!"

It seems that another George, named Steinbrenner, thought having two of the best players in the game was perfectly feasible. Except instead of Griffey and Bonds, the Yankees stacked the left side of the infield with Jeter and Rodriguez.

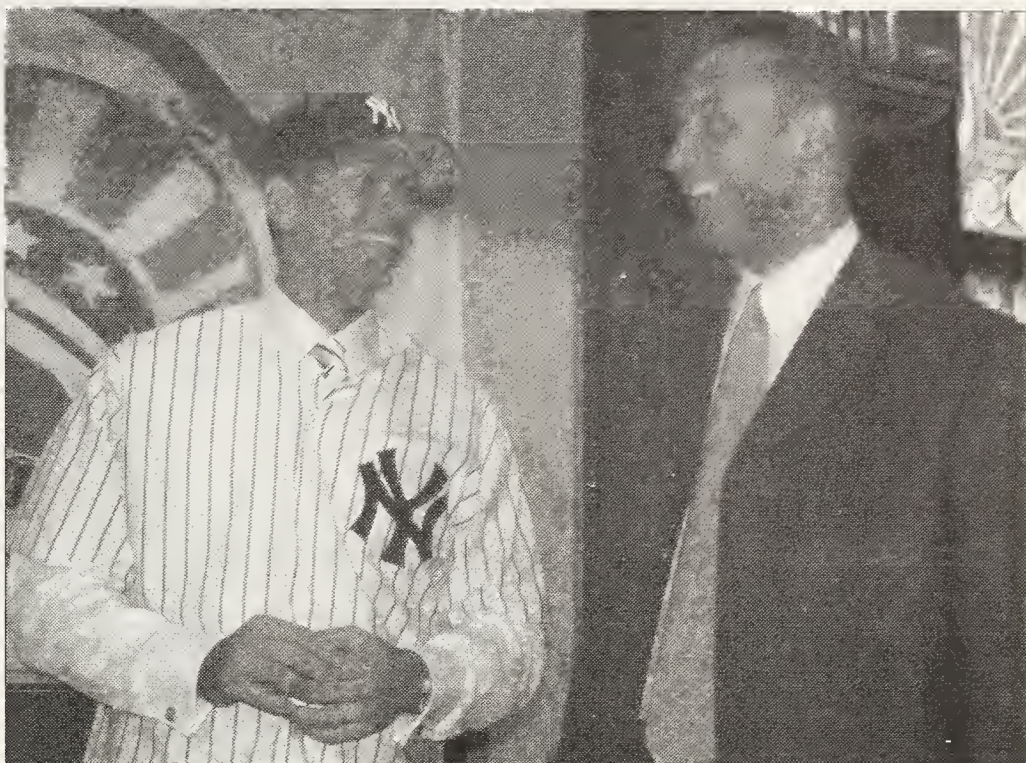
Valentine's Day weekend was filled with sports stories that should have dominated the headlines. The NBA All-Star Game took place, fan favorite John Daly won his first PGA Tour event in almost nine years, and the Daytona 500, NASCAR's biggest event, was run (but who really likes NASCAR?). But of course the story that received the most attention that weekend was the Yankees trading for Rodriguez.

After Yankees third baseman Aaron Boone injured himself playing basketball a few weeks ago, the team went out to try to pick up a player to fill his spot. In typical Yankee fashion, instead of simply obtaining a utility infielder to replace Boone until he comes back, New York ended up trading for the best player in the game. Instantly, the Red Sox Nation gave a collective groan. For the second time in the last four months, Boone had done a number on Boston, the first coming with that somewhat important home run in Game 7 of the ALCS. Red Sox fans enter expletives in Boone's name at your own leisure.

A trade of this caliber has had the whole country talking about A-Rod, the Yankees, the Sox and the upcoming season for days. Of course, you either love or hate the Yankees, and if you hate them, this trade just angers and frustrates you because it seems to be yet again that New York has stacked their roster for this season.

But if you are wondering if this trade was good for baseball, there is no question that it was. Here we are, in the middle of February, spring training camps just opening, the season still five weeks away, and all people can talk about is baseball. I think it's great. Sure, I hate the fact that the offensive lineup of the Yankees looks like an all-star roster, but this makes the people who love New York worship them even more, and the people who hate New York despise them even more.

And quite frankly, I still don't see the Yankees as a clear favorite to win the World Series this year. Sure, they will probably score a billion runs a game, but their pitching staff is sub par at best, and having a strong rotation is usually what wins those playoff series. The Red Sox, with Pedro, Lowe and Schilling should surely give the Yanks a run for their money, and the Cubs and Astros, with their unbelievable pitching rotations, will be standing in New York's way if they make the World Series.



PAUL J. BERESWILL/KRT

The newest Yankee, Alex Rodriguez, will team with Derek Jeter to form what many will consider the best left side of the infield in baseball history.

The Astros landed Andy Pettitte and lured Roger Clemens out of retirement, and I don't know what team would ever want to face both of those men twice each in a seven game series.

The Cubs would have taken the NLCS last year if it weren't for Bartman, and have bulked up their already extraordinary pitching staff by adding Greg Maddux last week. So the Yanks are in no way a lock to win this year.

Also, won't it be even sweeter when the Yankees get knocked out of the playoffs after spending a record \$190 million? To prove to the Bronx Bombers that you can't buy a championship would be sight to see, especially if it is at the hands of the Red Sox, who fumbled the chance of obtaining Rodriguez earlier in the off-season. I like how the Boston players took the news of the Yankees getting A-Rod.

Another reason this was good for

baseball is because it even has the owners of the Sox and Yankees exchanging words. Boston owner John Henry called for a salary cap last week after New York got A-Rod, this after going out and splurging on Schilling and trying himself to get A-Rod this winter. Steinbrenner commented that Henry only wants a cap because he missed out on the best player in baseball and that it is all "sour grapes." You gotta love owners talking trash about each other, during the off-season, mind you.

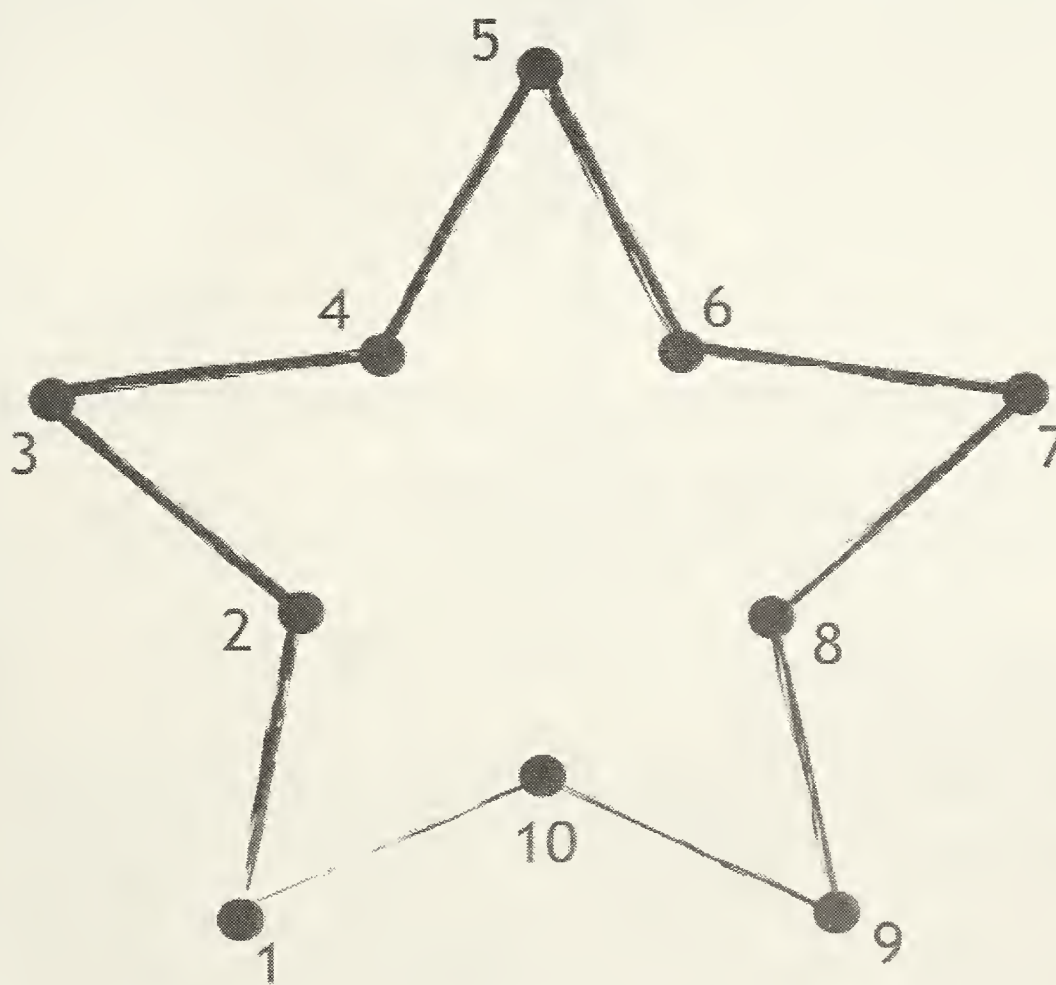
Boston and New York fans hate each other more than ever, right now. After the A-Rod acquisition, all anti-Yankee fans are at a maximum level of despise towards the evil empire. The fans are talking trash, the players are talking trash, and the owners are talking trash. Everyone's talking baseball and how to topple the Yankee empire. And, it's still February. Isn't this great?

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First-year head coach, but lots of experience for KJ

By PETE DAVIS
SPORTS EDITOR

When Kerri Johnson enrolled at Loyola College as a freshman on the women's lacrosse team in 1994, she probably never envisioned still being at the school 10 years later. Johnson begins her first year as the head coach of Loyola's women's lacrosse team, taking over for Diane Geppi-Aikens, who died last year after a long, courageous fight with cancer.

"Diane taught us all, myself included, to have passion for the game and to enjoy what you're doing and do it at 110 percent and our team does that," said Johnson. "It was instilled in them and I'm fortunate they do it for me."

Even though the team and coaches miss Geppi-Aikens' presence and will never forget everything she has done for the program, the team has adjusted well to Johnson.

"It's been going great; the team's been very receptive," said Johnson. "Every day we're getting better and we know we have to be better tomorrow than we were today. We're putting everything together. We still have two weeks before our first game so we still have time to refine some things, but the team is progressing nicely."

"She's doing a great job," said senior captain Rachel Shuck. "Diane instilled a lot in her from the first time they met. She has a lot of what Diane had. We go hard



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Kerri Johnson enters her first season as the head coach of Loyola's women's lacrosse team. Johnson takes over for her mentor Diane Geppi-Aikens.

for her like we did for Diane."

"The practices have been great; the girls are responding to her really well," said Loyola assistant coach Stacey Morlang, also a

former player.

Johnson considers herself fortunate because of the coaching staff she has surrounded herself with. There are three other former

Loyola players on her staff, including Morlang, Krystin Porcella and Marianne Gioffre.

"I don't know if I could be any luckier," said Johnson. "I have

three coaches that are working with me, all three and I guess myself included being former All-Americans. We gained a lot of experience as players as well as coaches while coaching with Diane and we certainly had a terrific mentor. I feel very fortunate to have Porch, Stacey and Marianne on the staff with me, and I know they bring a lot of great qualities to our coaching staff."

"I think it helps because they are still new in the sport since they just got out of college recently," said Shuck. "It's like we can have a friendship also."

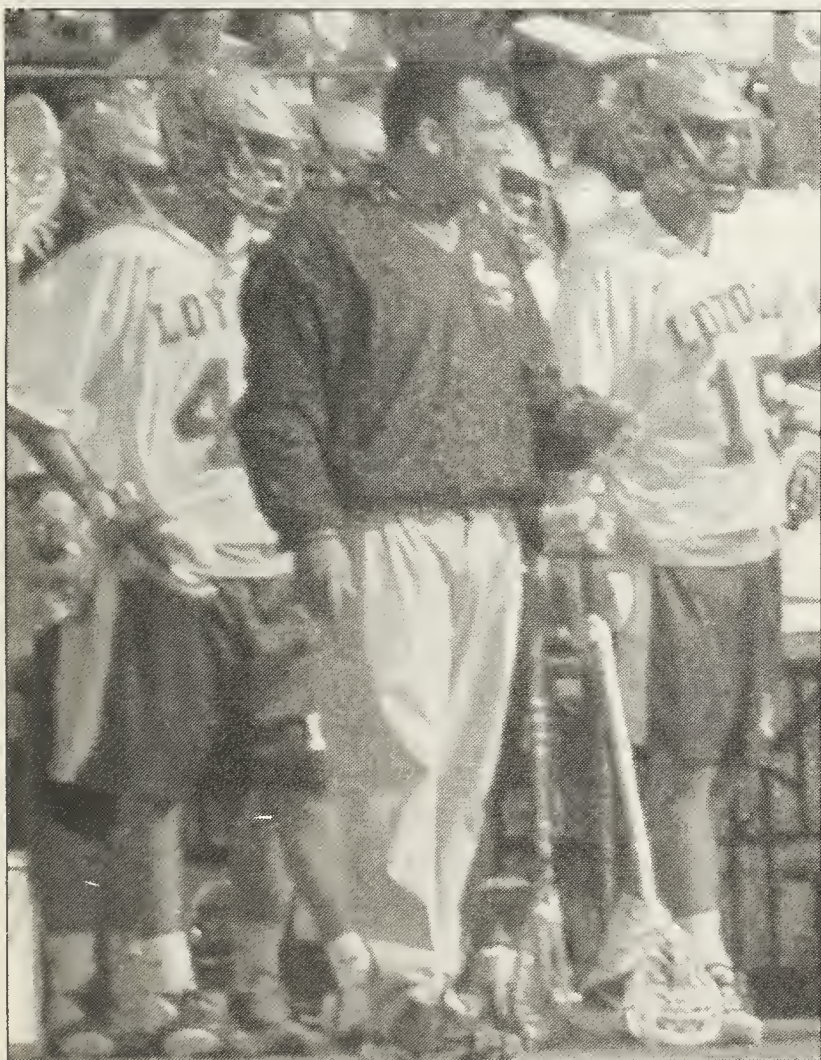
"I think one of her best qualities is that she was with Diane for so many years," said Morlang. She played for her and coached with her and she is taking on all the traditions that Diane had and is starting to add her own traditions. She's also a great teacher."

Johnson served as an assistant coach under Geppi-Aikens from 1998-2002 before being promoted to associate head coach for the 2003 season. During her six years on the coaching staff, Loyola has compiled a record of 88-25 and reached the NCAA Final Four three times. As a player, Johnson put together a stellar career highlighted by many individual and team accomplishments. She earned first-team All American honors in her junior and senior seasons. In her senior year she led the Hounds with 45 goals en route to the national championship game that season.

Strong freshmen class has Greyhounds optimistic

By TERRY FOY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Despite going 7-6 in 2003 and missing the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year, the



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Loyola head coach Bill Dirrigl recruited what many consider the most talented freshman class in the country this season. He and his coaching staff will attempt to blend the new talent with the returning players this year.

Greyhounds had quite an appeal on high school campuses.

Over this past offseason, head coach Bill Dirrigl's efforts were rewarded mightily as he brought in 13 of the most talented players

the nation had to offer.

Concentrating mostly on the offensive midfield, this year's additions were regarded as the highest ranked freshman unit by *Inside Lacrosse* magazine, while the entire corps was a consensus top three choice of lacrosse experts.

At the attack position, the Greyhounds added Ryan Ravidou and Dan Bauers, wiry, athletic players with a knack for both feeding and scoring.

The nine freshmen offensive middies range from tall, strong, and explosive like Greg Leonard, Mark Stevenson and Joe Landry to tough, talented and solid like Andrew Spack, Matt Cassalia and Jordan Ravidou. Pat Kennedy and Cory Coffman are remarkable athletes with an exceptional ability to score goals. David Moore will contribute at the long-stick midfield position while Manny Batten will implement his physical style at close defense.

"In assessing the talents that these young men bring to the lacrosse field, it's easy to get excited about," says Dirrigl.

The question still remains, however: with such phenomenal physical abilities, why didn't these players decide to join the reigning national champions Virginia Cavaliers or the team that they defeated, Johns Hopkins?

"I wanted to be a part of something. I wanted what I'd be doing, like taking part in practice,

to make somebody else better," said Batten.

"Even though Loyola hasn't been winning in the past few years, the tradition here makes it a top five school for lacrosse," Coffman added. "This was the best opportunity to play for a big-time lacrosse program."

"The spirit for lacrosse here is so high, and that's where I wanted to play at Loyola," said Ryan Ravidou.

But now that they have arrived, these freshmen understand that hype means nothing, and they've taken advantage of the opportunity to work themselves into the program and the school that supports it.

"As coach reiterates daily, this is a new Loyola thing, we're not the Loyola of the past," said Batten. "We have our own identity so far, and it's only been four months. People realize that and they accept us sooner into the community."

Yet this group of players understands that they will be judged by how they perform on the field and are looking forward to seeing some action against teams in different colored jerseys.

"We came in here and the older guys showed us the ropes, taught us what to do," said Spack. "Now we've showed them that we can play, and it's time to take off as a team."

As has become a trait of Loyola lacrosse, these players set the

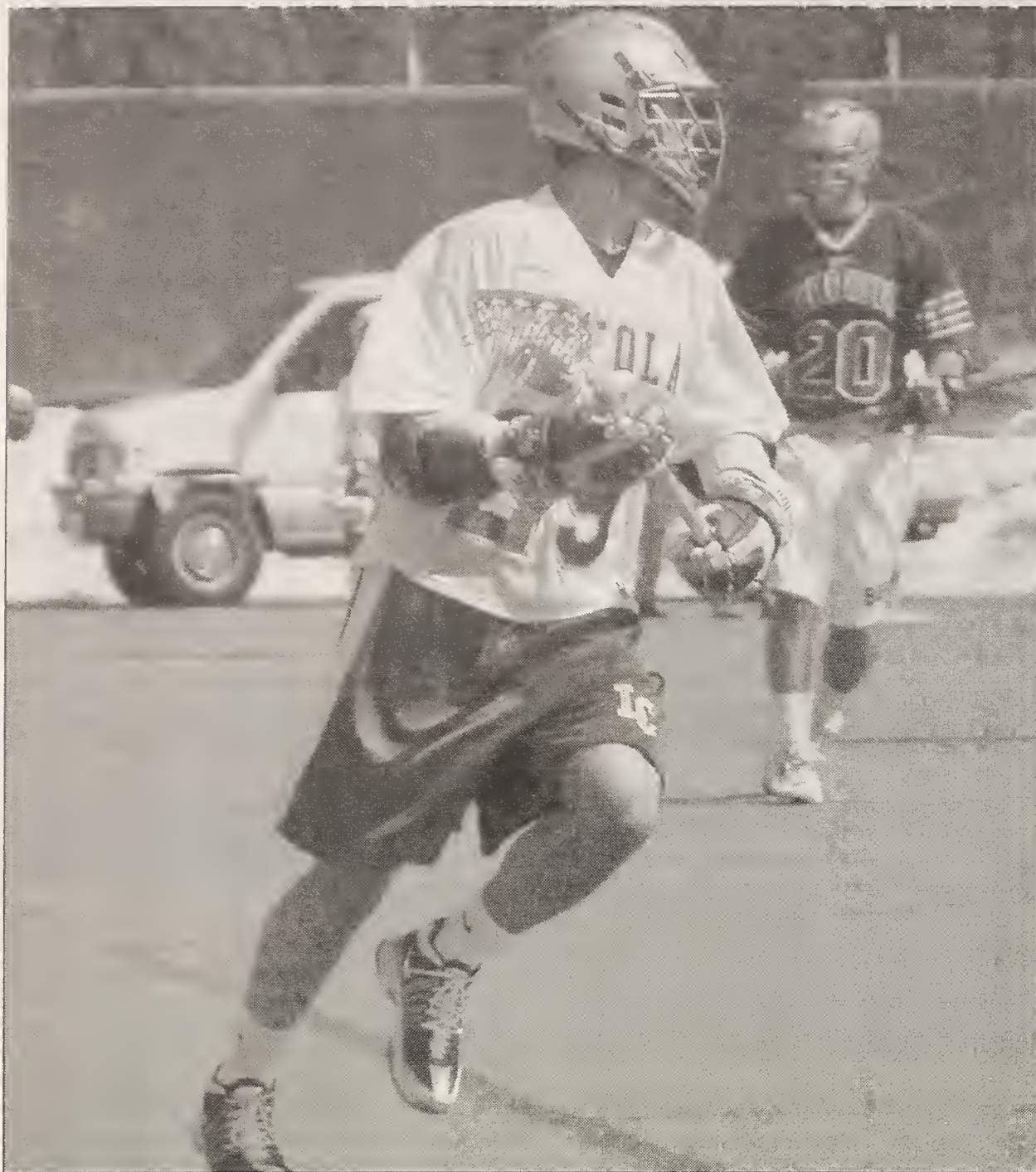
same goal every year, and that is to win a championship. And with such young, impressive talent, that doesn't appear to be a practice that will end anytime soon.

"The closeness our freshman class has, along with the rest of the team, it makes you think of what can happen if we all stick together in the upcoming years," said Ravidou. Even though the freshmen will look to the upperclassmen for their leadership early in the season, they will also be asked to make contributions right away. If the practice is indicative of the way the season will unfold, then the freshmen will make an immediate positive impact on this year's squad.

NEW FACES

Hounds' Class of '07

Manny Batten
Dan Bauers
Matt Cassalia
Cory Coffman
Tony Ferreira
Patrick Kennedy
Joe Landry
Greg Leonard
David Moore
Jordan Ravidou
Ryan Ravidou
Andrew Spack
Mark Stevenson



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Senior captain Stephen Brundage will play a big role for Loyola's attack this season. He hopes to lead the team back to the NCAA tournament this season.

Lacrosse Senior Spotlight: Attackman Stephen Brundage

BY TERRY FOY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Stephen Brundage is Loyola's senior All-American attackman. Throughout his career wearing the green and grey he has started every game, 40 in total, and has score 68 goals. He was elected a tri-captain of this year's team. Yet

STEPHEN BRUNDAGE

2003 stats

23 goals
12 assists
35 points
20 groundballs
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he describes himself as a "quiet, laidback type of guy" who just does what he's told and loves his mom. So what more is there to this story?

"I remember stepping in as a freshman and just being in awe of everything and going along with the flow, being one of the followers, and doing whatever I had to do," says Brundage.

And in going with the flow he made for himself one of the best first years in Loyola's lacrosse history. His 19 goals and 30 points found him at fifth on the team in scoring and contributing to a 10-4 team that lost to Princeton by one goal in the NCAA Tournament.

Since that remarkable freshman season, Stephen Brundage has continued in his efforts to improve his skills and grow in his ability to lead. In his sophomore season, Brundage led the Greyhounds in scoring and played at the top of his game in big wins over Duke, Hofstra and Notre Dame.

Brundage was Loyola's main offensive threat last season, and again led the team in goals and points while playing on the left side, his unnatural side, where he also drew the opponent's best defender.

"It's fair to say that Stephen Brundage is not just anchoring our attack, he's anchoring Loyola lacrosse. There were some times when our record didn't show it, and I'm very proud of him," said head coach Bill Dirrigl.

The addition of junior transfer Matt Moffett from Duke, a left-handed attackman with fantastic scoring ability, will allow Brundage to move back to his natural side as well as alleviate some of the offensive pressure.

An experienced defensive end coupled with an athletic group of young middies, this season is one

that Brundage finds himself very excited about.

"We haven't made the playoffs the past few years, so the people on this campus, in the lacrosse world, forget exactly how awesome this tradition is. There's a hunger to get this program back to the platform we used to be on. Over the past few years there's been some turmoil, people coming and going, and it seems like it's all coming together this year," said Brundage.

The opportunity to lead alongside fellow captains Damian Hall and Grant Halford is something that he is very excited about.

"This summer I started to reflect over the past three years, and I was like 'Oh my God, I'm a senior now.' And being a captain I knew I was going to have to step up, change my ways from being a quiet, reserved person in order to lead this team. You learn as you go, but I think so far everyone has responded."

But while his love for lacrosse will bring him back to coach the Greyhounds next season, it is the Loyola community that has found a place in his heart.

"I love lacrosse and the way it has been so much of my life, and it has helped me a lot. But in the same regard I didn't want it to be my whole life; I enjoyed every part of Loyola: meeting the people, going out, doing different things. I didn't want to be just a lacrosse guy."

Senior Spotlight: Attacker Rachel Shuck

BY PETE DAVIS
SPORTS EDITOR

Loyola knew they were getting a quality lacrosse player when they recruited Rachel Shuck to come to Loyola in 2001, but they may not have known they would have gotten an All-American player and an exceptional leader. Shuck enters her senior year as a captain of this year's team, which was picked to finish fifth in the Intercollegiate Women's College Lacrosse Association's preseason poll.

"Rachel is a terrific leader on the field," said Loyola head coach Kerri Johnson. "She understands the game; she has great game sense."

"I hope to lead this team to the Final Four," said Shuck. "I want to be a leader both on the field and off the field for the team."

Shuck is coming off an impressive junior year where she led the Hounds in points for the season. She was selected as a third team All-American after scoring 24 goals and adding 38 assists for Loyola. Even though she scored 24 goals last season, she was primarily used as a playmaker and a setup player for the rest of her teammates. This year, her role figures to expand as more of a goal scorer, although she will still be looked upon to be a playmaker for the team.

"I think it will be both," said Shuck. "I'm just completely changing my game. Our team as an attack unit will be stepping up so we won't have to rely on one player to score."

This is always a trait of a quality team. When the NCAA tournament

comes along, having more than one option to score goals is essential to advancing. Shuck will have a lot of help up front this year with four of the top five leading scorers back from last year's team, who are all threats to score at any time.

"Definitely, I think it will help us a lot," said Shuck. "A lot of teams have two or three people to score, but we have a lot."

Shuck saved her best performance of the season for the biggest stage last year. In the NCAA tournament first round game against UMBC, Shuck scored two goals and recorded six assists in Loyola's dominant victory.

"She's certainly the quarterback, as we call it on the attack end," said Johnson. "She plays with a lot of confidence and composure, which is important."

Another asset that Shuck brings to the table is her ability to play in the clutch. When the game is on the line, Shuck usually rises to the occasion. Last year she scored game-winning goals against North Carolina and Yale. She also led the team in groundballs with 63 on the season.

Shuck has earned a number of individual accolades and awards for her lacrosse play, but she still has one main goal left, to lead her team back to the Final Four and win the national championship.

"We want to get better everyday and just keep looking forward to our main goal in the end, which is the Final Four."

With Shuck's leadership and Loyola's talent at every position this will be another exciting season for the Hounds.



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Rachel Shuck will be the leader of Loyola's offensive unit this season and figures to have a stellar senior year.

Maryland may change official sport to lacrosse

BY LIZ GENCO
BUSINESS MANAGER

Maryland State Senate President Thomas "Mike" Miller has proposed a new bill that would increase the importance of lacrosse in Maryland. The bill, currently working its way through the Senate as SB428, would allow lacrosse to replace jousting as the official state team sport of Maryland.

Citing the growing number of participants in the sport, Miller said that changing the law would allow for "better marketing of the state of Maryland."

With lacrosse season starting throughout the state, Miller sees the law as a way to tap into an "economic engine for the state. It can be marketed for tourism, as something people can come enjoy in Maryland." Additionally, Miller cited the desire to see more in-state athletes staying in Maryland instead of going out of state.

"We see students from Maryland on all teams, on Princeton, on Syracuse. We should make it known that Maryland has great lacrosse and that players can stay here and play great caliber lacrosse."

Maryland already has strong ties to the lacrosse community, with the Lacrosse Museum and National Hall of Fame located alongside Homewood Field on the Johns Hopkins University campus. According to the 2002 United

States Lacrosse Chapter survey of participation, a total of 42,733 people played lacrosse in the region in 2002. Additionally, the Maryland - Washington D.C. - Virginia Chapter had the fourth highest participation total for collegiate lacrosse players, behind New York, the Lower New England Region and the Mid-Atlantic, with 2,545 men and women competing at the collegiate level.

"These are great athletes, lacrosse is a sport of great athleticism, an outlet for emotions. It's very healthy. And our kids work very hard on academics. We want to show how proud we are of them," said Miller.

"I'd certainly be in favor of this law. Maryland hosting the NCAA championships showed its relevancy, and it's a new day and a new millennium," said Loyola Athletics Director of External Affairs Martin Kelly.

Lacrosse was chosen because of the growing number of participants in the new millennium. "Contrasted to jousting, which was very popular in the 19th century, lacrosse is new, and makes more sense since we're no longer an agrarian society. The bond between man and horse is no longer as prevalent," Miller commented.

Miller hopes to pass the bill through the Senate before the end of February, with the House of Delegates to start examining the bill sometime in early March.



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Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field will be the site of the 2005 and 2006 lacrosse championships after spending the previous two years in Baltimore.

Lacrosse championships to leave Baltimore in 2005 and 2006

BY PETE DAVIS
SPORTS EDITOR

After drawing record-breaking crowds of more than 37,000 for the 2003 men's lacrosse championships at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, the NCAA decided to award Philadelphia's new Lincoln Financial Field the 2005 and 2006 Final Fours.

The Local Organizing Committee had hoped that the NCAA would make Baltimore the permanent site of the men's lacrosse championships, but the NCAA decided to keep with the tradition of moving the site of the championships.

"I think the main reason was the fact that it has always been a tournament that has moved to different sites," said Marty Schwartz, this year's tournament director.

People on the LOC are disappointed with the NCAA's decision to move the tournament from Baltimore after last year's success.

"I'm disappointed for the whole

Baltimore community," said Peter Schlehr, assistant athletic director/athletic media relations director for Towson University, who is in charge of media relations for the LOC. "In a way, I think it's going to enable us to measure just how good a site Baltimore is. I really don't think they are going to do as well in Philadelphia because I don't think they have the fan base. Philadelphia really hasn't supported lacrosse in the past, but we don't know until it happens."

When the NCAA met to decide on the site of the 2005 and 2006 lacrosse championships, the final two cities in the running for the right to host the event were Baltimore and Philadelphia. According to members on the board of the LOC it was not the amount of the bid that prevented Baltimore from keeping the tournament for 2005 and 2006 championships.

"I don't think it was a question of out-bidding," said Schlehr. "When you make your presentation you promise this and you promise that and it was pretty

even. The NCAA wanted to take it north and see what they could do with it."

The NCAA will start accepting bids for the 2007 and 2008 NCAA tournaments in the summer of 2005 and the LOC hopes that the championships will return to Baltimore for those years and eventually will become the permanent home for the championships.

Baltimore will be the site for the championship game again this season with Towson University, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Johns Hopkins and Loyola co-hosting the tournament.

"I think that the Local Organizing Committee was ecstatic with the results last year," said Schlehr.

Attendance at this year's championships is expected to surpass last year's, as ticket sales are currently ahead of where they were at this time last year, according to Schlehr.

"We started preparations the day last year's championship was over," said Schwartz.

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Young talent hopes to get LC back to NCAAs

By TERRY FOY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Over the years, Loyola's men's lacrosse teams has forged an admirable tradition based on working hard, playing together, and winning games. This tradition of Greyhound lacrosse has made it very easy

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to become a fan, but of all those great teams, the 2004 edition may be the easiest for which to cheer.

The Greyhound program has been in a transition period ever since the sudden departure of long-time head coach Dave Cottle. With two full offseasons under his belt and one of the strongest recruiting classes in the country, head coach Bill Dirrigl is optimistic heading into the season.

Coupling young, talented newcomers with a veteran corps that embodies a will to win, Dirrigl attests that his men will be "extremely fun to watch."

ATTACK

Handling the goal scoring responsibilities for a fourth consecutive season will be senior Steven Brundage, a tri-captain and consensus preseason All-American. Brundage, Loyola's leading scorer last year with 23 goals, will benefit from the addition of junior Matt Monfett, a transfer from Duke University, who has remarkable left-handed skills. Monfett was a two-year starter for the Blue Devils who scored 19 goals in 2003. Competition is still fierce for the third attackman's spot as Pat Shek, Chris Einhorn and Maryland transfer Ryan Small vie for playing time with freshmen Dan Bauers and Ryan Rabidou.

MIDFIELD

The story at midfield will be the Greyhounds' youth since Dirrigl brought in nine freshmen midfielders, rounding out a recruiting class that is a consensus top three in the country. The upperclassmen that will be competing for the opportunity to play include juniors Parker Adams and John Halip, as well as sophomore Craig Georgalas. Freshman Cory Coffman, Matt Caasalia Anthony Ferreira and Jordan Rabidou are only a few of the players that are expected to make significant contributions to



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Redshirt junior Matt White is one of the core members of returning players for this year's team. The team also brings one of the best recruiting classes in the nation this year.

Loyola's effort this season. Despite their youth, Dirrigl is optimistic about his players' athleticism and heart.

"I think the plays we're going to get between the lines are something that you haven't seen in the last couple of years," said Dirrigl. "They'll make up with their heart and their hustle and with what God gave them, because they're awful blessed."

The defensive midfield will feature juniors Mike Alfone and C.J. Sinisgalli holding down the short stick positions with their speed and endurance, along with solid stick skills and an impressive work ethic. They will flank senior captain Damian Hall, a 6'6" long-stick midfielder who is highly regarded and is considered among the best leaders Loyola has to offer. Hall, who has been slowed this spring after suffering a broken foot on the first day of practice, will be supported by fellow long-sticks Steven Hess and Jeff Hunter, while freshman David Moore continues to improve and looks to contribute.

DEFENSE

The defensive end will present the most familiar faces of any unit Loyola will field this season.

"We return the top seven guys, plus we've also moved Grant Halford, who's our captain, from midfield to defense," said Dirrigl.

Following a rigorous off season in which they spent hours watching film and in the weight room, this group is primed and ready for action. Seniors and returning starters Bernie Cannon and David Shortt, along with junior Matt Dupuis, look to lead the corps of close defensemen.

"I think you're going to see a very aggressive, disciplined group, wanting to win match ups and wanting to knock the ball to the ground, pick it up, give it to our attack men, and go," said an energetic Dirrigl.

GOALTENDING

Perhaps the most hotly contested spot this spring will be to replace Mark Bloomquist, an All-American goalie who graduated last year. Junior Trae Rodgers, who started in fall games before breaking his thumb, squares off against University of Maryland transfer T.C. Behm and sophomores Mike Fretwell and Dan Glazer. Coach Dirrigl has dedicated himself to finding the goalie that can best lead the Greyhounds to victory.

"I owe it to these kids, and the other guys in our program, to find the best guy to play goal right now," he said. "And they're all good kids, they all care a great deal, but now we just got to make sure we find the best goalie for Loyola."

SCHEDULE

The team hopes that search will go quickly, however, because the Hounds open up the season on the road at Towson and the schedule doesn't get much lighter from there. In the last season as an independent team, the Hounds as they did last year have a difficult schedule on tap. Perennial national powers Syracuse and Johns Hopkins complement strong teams like Duke, Notre Dame, Hofstra and Georgetown, a future ECAC opponent.

"It's going to be a challenge because the first three games, four games in one poll are all ranked ahead of us, and so it's going to be very interesting to see how we develop," said Dirrigl.

In combining the tradition, the talent and the will to win, Dirrigl, his staff, and his players have brought Loyola lacrosse into the forefront of national college lacrosse. And in line with the mission this school presents, such qualities can create a very exciting, entertaining atmosphere.

"It's a great school and the kids love it and the student body, I think it's going to get better and better when the student body realizes how talented, how hard, and how fun to watch these kids are," said Dirrigl. "Loyola's special. It's special in my heart, and I think the student body has been great and I think it's going to get even better."

KEY GAMES - MEN



Saturday March 13 vs. Duke

The Hounds will certainly be motivated when the Blue Devils come to Baltimore this year. Not only will they be looking to avenge last year's 10-4 loss in Durham, but it will be the first time Loyola plays on the renamed Geppi-Aikens Field. Add in Matt Moffett's first appearance against his old team, and this game has the makings for an exciting showdown.



Saturday April 10 at Syracuse

When Bill Dirrigl returns to the Carrier Dome this spring, he'll be looking for his first victory over his alma mater as a head coach. He will be taking on the perennial power and eight-time national champions with goals of proving his teams presence among the best in college lacrosse and impressing NCAA tournament officials.



Saturday May 8 vs. Johns Hopkins

The Blue Jays will be rolling up Charles Street to end the season this year, and they plan on bringing their preseason #1 ranking with them. Bitter rivals that compete for recruits, victories and preeminence in the Baltimore area, it isn't tough to see why this is a key game for the Hounds.

Returning players look to lead LC to title

By PETE DAVIS
SPORTS EDITOR

After a year where they were ranked number one in the country for the majority of the season and earned a spot in the Final Four, the women's lacrosse team once again holds championship aspirations this season.

Even with the loss of four key players from last year's squad, the Hounds hope to combine its many returning players with a talented group of freshmen.

"We graduated seven seniors, four starters, and this year again we have seven seniors so we have a lot of leadership," said Loyola head coach Kerri Johnson. "Even though we graduated the four starters, our team as a whole has raised their level of play. We're excited for the season."

ATTACK

Loyola's attack unit is led by its point leader from last year, Rachel Shuck. Shuck scored 24 goals and added 38 assists for a combined 62 points.

"She compliments her teammates and makes them look good so she certainly will be feeding for us a lot this year," said Johnson. "Also, she's going to be in position to receive the ball more to get off some more shots."

The Hounds will be without their leading goal scorer from last season, Suzanne Eyler, who graduated from Loyola and is now an assistant coach at Towson University.

"We never try to replace a player," said Johnson. "Every year is a new team, it's a different team. They have gained experience from the year before so overall each individual person is better and more mature. So we certainly won't try to replace Suzanne. We hope that we'll work together and raise the level of play and our dynamics will be different."

Loyola's three other leading point leaders return to help its attack. Junior Talia Shacklock, who played on the Australian under-19 national team over the summer, had 34 goals last season and will be looked upon once again to provide goal scoring for the Hounds. Stephanie Walker ranked fourth on the team in scoring last year with 30 goals and five assists and will be a force at midfield, while sophomore Sydney Greene scored 23 goals last year and figures to get even more goal-scoring opportunities this season.

MIDFIELD

While Walker, Shacklock and Shuck all will contribute on the offensive end from the midfield position, Loyola also expects to receive contributions from other returning players. Senior Jaclyn Borrone scored 10 goals last year, but showed flashes of dominant play with her three goals against Syracuse.

Senior Jen Schuerholz scored 11 goals and was seventh on the team in points last year for the Hounds, and is expected to start at midfield this season. Junior Katie Guarino returns from studying abroad in Thailand in the fall and is expected to compete for a starting spot. Guarino can be a threat offensively and can also help the Hounds defensively from the midfield spot.

Senior captain Kourtney Porcella will anchor the midfield on the defensive end. Porcella was second on the team in draw controls and third on the team in ground balls last year.

"Kourtney is one of our best midfield defenders," said Johnson. "She comes up with a lot of plays in the midfield to get possession back for us."



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Loyola's returning players will team up with their young talent and attempt to build on their final four appearance last year to make it all the way to the national championship game this season.

DEFENSE

Loyola's defensive unit was anchored by two seniors who graduated last year, Jen Albright and Marianne Gioffre. Gioffre is now a volunteer assistant coach at Loyola helping prepare this year's defensive unit.

Senior captain Tara Singleton will be the leader of Loyola's defense this season. Singleton, who is a member of the U.S. national team, is an excellent one-on-one defender, leading the team by forcing 38 turnovers last year.

"She's a phenomenal player who has quick hands and is able to read the

situations very well," said Johnson.

Two-time captain Kristi Korow will also play a significant role for the defense. "Korow is a great support defender who can transition the ball and be a threat on the attacking end as well," said Johnson.

GOALTENDING

Perhaps the strongest part of this year's Loyola team will be its goaltending. The Hounds return both Kim Lawton and Cindy Nicolaus, who combined to form the best goaltending combination in the country last season.

"We have two fantastic goalies," said

Johnson. "Clearly we have two of the top goalies in the country. At this point they're both going to play; they're too good not to play."

Last year the Hounds perfected the combo with Lawton playing in the first half and Nicolaus coming in for the second half.

"They give us two different things," said Johnson. "Kimmy's very patient and composed, and Cindy is very quick and aggressive."

NEW PLAYERS

Loyola added six new freshmen to their team this year. The new players will be key to the team's success this year and will also be the future of Loyola lacrosse.

"Our team is pretty balanced in where everyone falls," said Johnson. "We have two that will be more on the attacking end, two in the midfield and two on the defensive end. Overall it's a strong class, very athletic. Again, they all have a lot of speed and it's a positive thing for the future of our team. They're a strong unit overall and we're exciting to have all of them."

SCHEDULE

Loyola was picked to finish fifth in the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association preseason poll. The Hounds certainly play a demanding schedule with games against the four teams picked ahead of them in the preseason poll.

The first home game of the season for Loyola will be against Princeton University, the defending national champion who eliminated Loyola in the Final Four last year. This game will be extra special because the college will rename Curley Field in honor of Diane Geppi-Aikens, Loyola's former head coach who lost her courageous battle with cancer last summer.

"We certainly aren't going to look over UPenn, UMBC and UNC, but with Princeton being our first home game I know our players are excited that the field is going to be named after Diane," said Johnson. "She obviously was a huge part of our team and the history of Loyola women's lacrosse."

Loyola's demanding schedule will certainly help them when NCAA tournament play begins in May.

While the results during the regular season are important, the experience the team receives in these games is the most important.



KEY GAMES – WOMEN

Sunday March 7 vs. Princeton

Loyola hosts the defending national champions who are ranked number one in this year's preseason poll. Princeton defeated Loyola in the final four last year ending the Hounds' national title hopes. Loyola defeated Princeton last year during the regular season in double overtime. Curley Field will also be renamed in honor of Diane Geppi-Aikens in a pregame ceremony.



Saturday April 17 vs. Virginia

The Hounds travel down to Charlottesville in hopes of avenging the team's only regular season loss last year. The Cavaliers defeated the Hounds on Curley Field last season, coming from behind in the final minutes game.



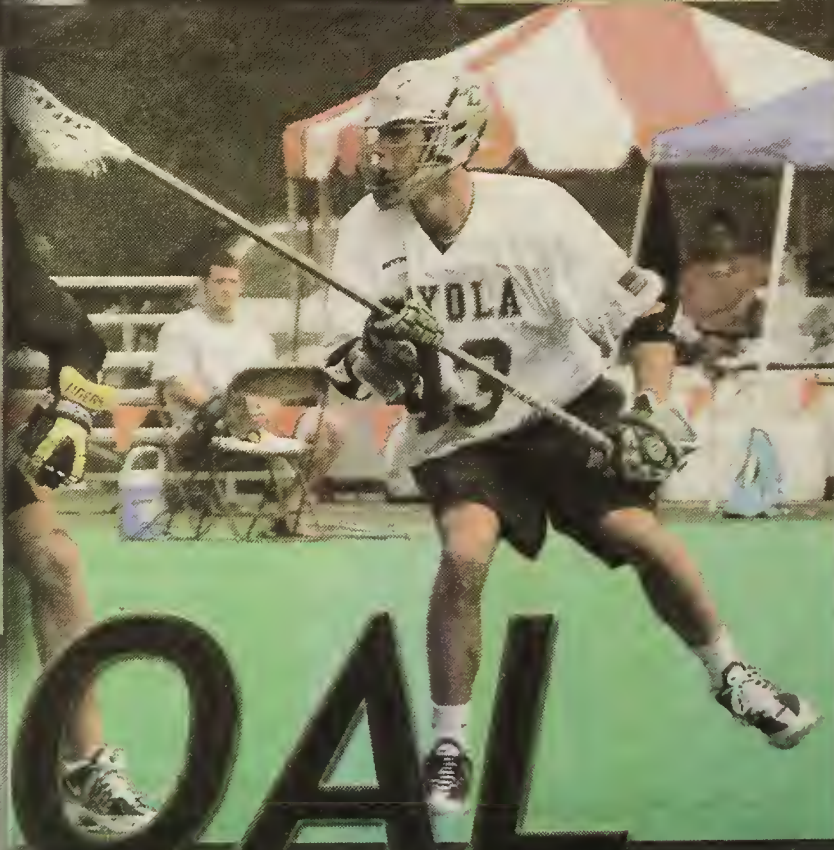
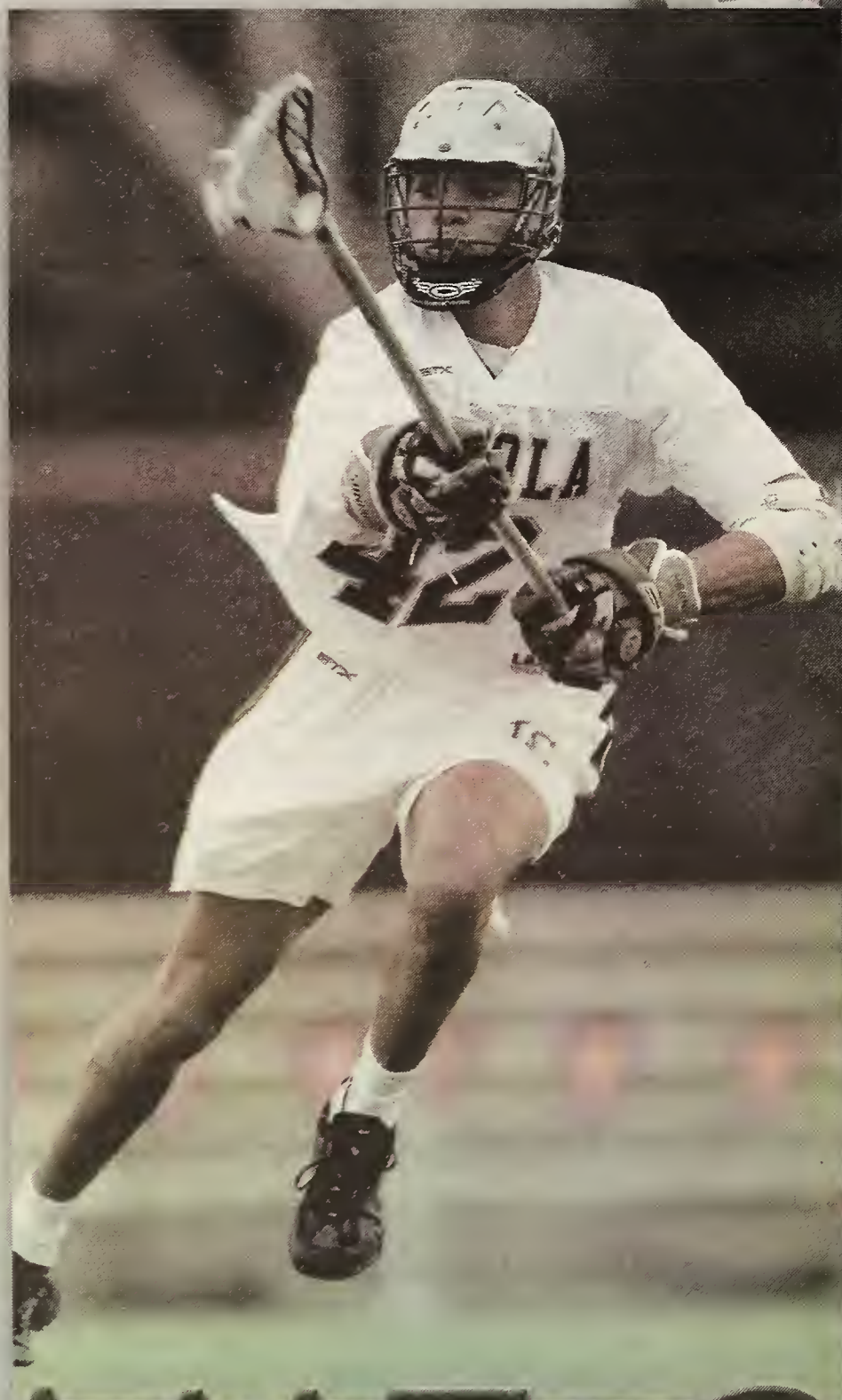
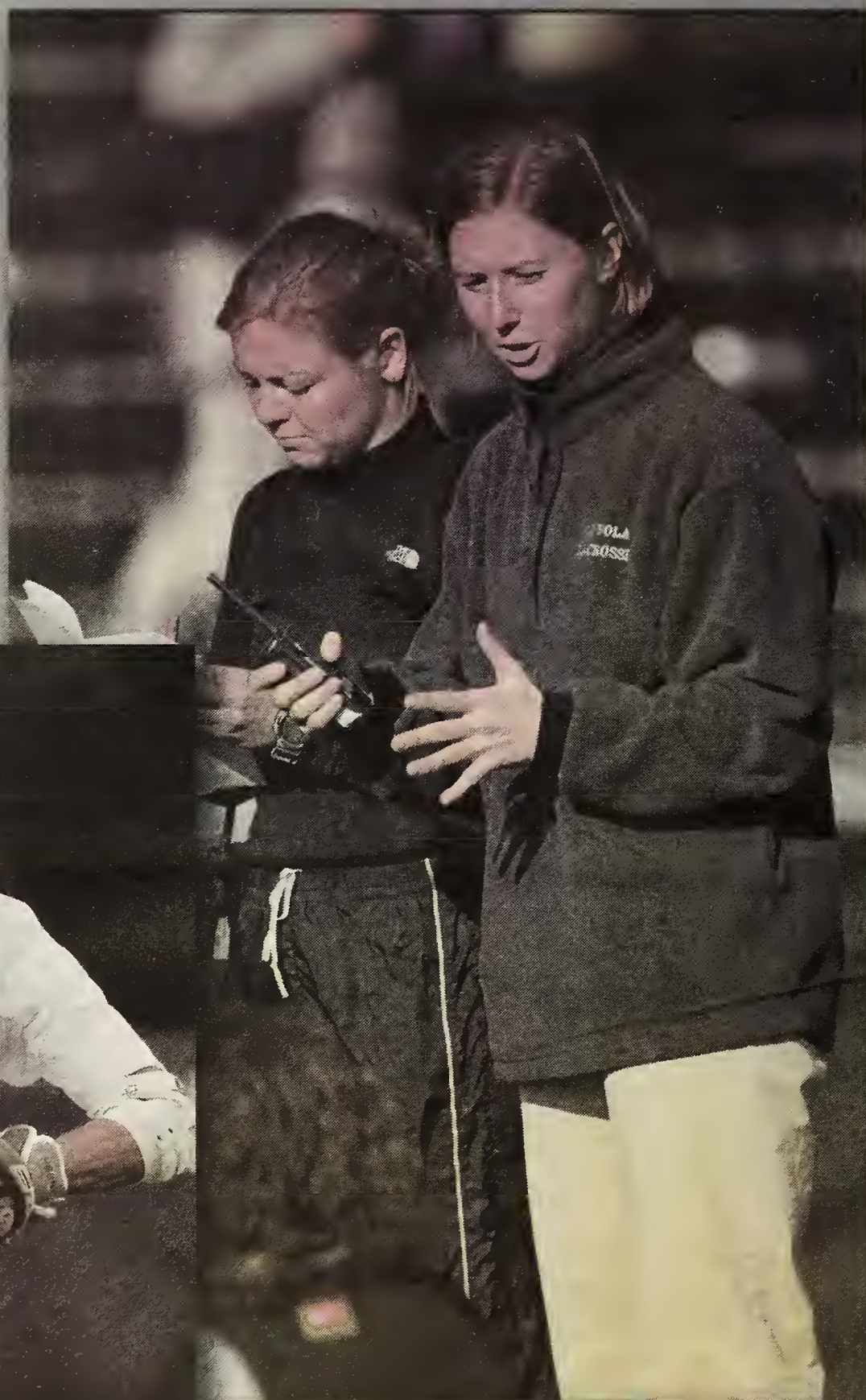
Saturday May 1 vs. Maryland

In one of the most exciting games of the regular season last year, Loyola defeated Maryland at College Park. Suzanne Eyler scored the game-winning goal with under a minute left in the game to give Hounds the victory. The win on the final day of the regular season gave Loyola the number one seed for the NCAAs. Maryland will certainly seek revenge on the road this year.



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